

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Middle East
And Cyprus

ONE of the most perplexing features of current strategy is that countries with heavy responsibilities for the safeguarding of freedom must not only be able to defend different places, but must also be prepared for different kinds of war. Not even what President Eisenhower has called the spirit of Geneva can eliminate this paradox; for until thorough-going disarmament and anti-iron security arrangements make it impossible for would-be aggressors to disturb the peace, the nations charged with the defence of the free world must take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that they can fulfil their duty.

Most strategic considerations inherited from the past would be irrelevant if the only kind of war conceivable today were an all-out surprise hydrogen bomb attack on capital cities and major industrial centres. But an all or nothing war of that kind is far from being the only possibility in a world still not disarmed; and the existence of other means of aggression creates other dangers rooted in political, economic and strategic geography which the world of the 1950's has inherited.

IN terms of this geography the Middle East is one of the key regions, and Cyprus is one of the key positions in the Middle East.

New conditions make it impracticable for any single power to shoulder responsibility for defending the whole area. New nations have emerged in the Middle East, and the fierce pride in their independence makes it hard for them to achieve a close-knit unity which would provide a strong defensive shield. Even so valuable associations have grown up.

Turkey constitutes the easternmost buttress of NATO and both contribute to the defensive strength of the North Atlantic powers. Moreover, besides commitments under NATO to Greece and Turkey, Britain has specific treaty obligations to aid Iraq, Jordan and Libya if they are attacked. Turkey, Iraq, Pakistan and Britain have mutual defensive arrangements. All this has increased the strength of the Middle East, as has the development of Turkish military power.

THE importance of Cyprus in the defence of the Middle East flows partly from the facts of strategic geography and partly from Britain's special interests and duties. The island guards the southern flank of Turkey; it protects the sea and air approaches to Syria; and it is the defensive outpost of Egypt. In the strategic geography of the British Commonwealth, Cyprus is a base for deterrent air action in the defence of Turkey, Iraq and Jordan; the centre for the concentration and redeployment of ground troops needed to reinforce other Middle East countries; the key to naval and air command of the Eastern Mediterranean; and the staging point of great importance for Commonwealth communications.

By next February all British troops will be withdrawn from the Suez Canal zone, and they will also be withdrawn from Iraq. But the security and local defence of the Middle East countries makes it necessary for some British forces to remain in the area. They must be more centrally situated than in Libya. Cyprus is the obvious answer.

It is this role in the strategic defence of the Middle East which must temper and very considerably influence the current talks in London on the future of Cyprus.

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GIANT NEW CARRIER IN SEA TRIAL MISHAP

New York, Aug. 30. The biggest aircraft carrier in the world, the U.S.S. Forrestal, "burned out" a bearing in one of its propeller shafts today bringing its first sea trials to a sudden end.

The carrier, which is 59,650 tons, slowed to a halt in the Atlantic with the announcement that a bearing in the number three shaft had been "wiped out." The accident means that full power tests scheduled for tomorrow will have to be cancelled.

The builders, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., and a Navy board studying the trials decided to take Forrestal back to her berth at Newport News, Virginia, on Thursday morning instead of Friday.

'A Calculated Risk'

Mr H. T. Bent, Vice-President and Works Manager of the company described the incident as unfortunate but not unusual. He said the company took a calculated risk by combining the builders' trials and the Navy acceptance trials which usually came later.

This was because the advent of hurricane Diane caused a disruption of earlier plans.

"If we had had the builders' trials," Mr Bent said, "We would have found such difficulties and corrected them before going into the Navy trials," he added.—United Press.

SECURITY COUNCIL MAY HEAR NTH. AFRICA REPORT

New York, Aug. 30. The 17-nation Asian-African group, meeting at United Nations headquarters today decided to bring the situation in French North Africa before the Security Council.

The group agreed to set up a committee of six to prepare the case for the Council "with due regard to the matter of timing."

Mr Edward Risk, of Lebanon, who presided, said the formal request to the Council for a meeting would not be made until the committee of six had drawn up the necessary memorandum.

It was not possible to say at this time when the Council might be asked to meet. He said it might take a week or two before the case to be placed before the Council was complete.

MOROCCO AND ALGERIA

Morocco and Algeria were both covered by the term "North Africa."

He added that one of the elements in the "fluidity" of the present situation in North Africa concerned the outcome of the talks which have been going on between the French Government and Moroccan representatives in Aix-Les-Bains.

"If negotiations truly are being carried out we would not in any way wish to jeopardise the chances of their success," he said.

NO NEGOTIATIONS AT AIX-LES-BAINS

Mr Abdellah told reporters the talks which had taken place in Aix-Les-Bains were not "negotiations." He said the French Government had asked the Moroccan representatives there to give their points of view.

"There has been no negotiation at all," he added.

In Paris the Resident-General of Morocco, M. Gilbert Grandval, called at the Prime Minister's office tonight while M. Edgar Faure was in conference with the French Defence

EGYPT AGREES TO CEASEFIRE IN BORDER WAR

Cairo, Aug. 30. Egypt has accepted a proposal made by the Chief Truce Inspector in Palestine, General E. L. M. Burns for a ceasefire on the Egyptian-Israeli border.

This was stated in a United Press report received in the China Mail office late this morning but up to the time of going to press no further details had been received.

The news came following new reports of fighting along the Gaza strip.

An Egyptian military spokesman at Gaza claimed that one Egyptian soldier was killed and five civilians were wounded as the result of three Israeli border attacks which, he said, took place in a period of less than four hours.

COUNTER-CLAIMS

The Israeli military spokesman at Tel Aviv immediately launched counter-claims that two Jews were killed and "several" wounded in five new attacks by Egyptian infiltrators in the last 12 hours.

These attacks however did not take place along the Gaza strip but along other sections of the Israel-Egypt border.

In London a spokesman for the Israel Embassy said that "a most serious situation now exists on the Israeli-Egyptian border in the Gaza region."

"Last week Egypt broke off talks with Israel representatives for improving border security and from that moment onwards Egypt launched a continuous series of attacks upon Israel patrols, villages and civilians culminating in the murder last night of one civilian, 25 miles south of Tel Aviv and the murder of four other civilians 15 miles south of Tel Aviv."

A WARNING NOTE

The statement added: "The Government of Israel is prepared as ever to observe the provisions of the armistice but it will take whatever measures necessary to safeguard the life and property of its citizens."

At the same time the Israeli delegate at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York submitted a second letter to the Security Council on recent incidents in the Gaza area.

Last night the Israeli delegation called the attention of the Council to the "grave deterioration" in the situation along the border and said the Israel Government would take "all measures of self-defence for the protection of life and property of its citizens."

SUDAN MUTINEERS FLEE

Khartoum, Aug. 30. Most of the mutineers of the Sudan Defence Force fled from their headquarters at Torit before Government troops arrived to detain them following an unconditional surrender, reports from the South said today.

Some northerners who had taken refuge from the mutineers in a missionary centre after the rebellion two weeks ago were freed by the arriving forces, the reports added.

Only a few of the mutineers remained. They were arrested.

A representative of the mutineers arrived at Juba, the regional capital, from Torit last Sunday to agree to an unconditional surrender. He went back to Torit with the surrender terms.

Loyal members of the Sudan Defence Force then travelled south to round up the mutineers, who are to be tried for taking up arms against the Government.

Traditional differences between the Moslem north and the largely primitive south were behind the mutiny which broke out when southern troops were ordered to move to the north Sudan.—Reuter.

Why Britain Will Not Back China's U.N. Bid

London, Aug. 30. Britain will once more oppose discussion by the United Nations General Assembly of the question of the admission of Communist China, a well-informed source indicated today.

The Soviet delegate, Mr Arkady Sobolev, is expected to raise the question immediately after the Assembly opens in New York on September 21. This demand is expected to meet opposition by the United States and the British delegation will in all likelihood support the Americans.

NO HOSTILITY Britain would adopt such an attitude, it was indicated here, not out of hostility toward Communist China, with which it has maintained diplomatic relations since January, 1950, but on grounds of expediency.

It was felt in London that the international climate is not yet favourable for such a decision, although the world situation has improved.

The issue still divides United Nations members and a debate, it was felt here, might have extremely unfavourable repercussions on the very future of the organisation.—France-Press.

A Popular (but impudent) Private F/c

Yokosuka, Aug. 30. He is a most unusual Private First Class. He refuses to wear shoes with his uniform, he loves to put his tongue out at officers. Still he is the most popular member of his unit—and he is being considered for promotion.

His name is Earthquake. He is an English bulldog. Earthquake is a member of the United States Marine Corps Detachment at Yokosuka, a main U.S. naval base 35 miles from Tokyo. He is the pride of his unit.

Money was no hindrance when the Marines decided to acquire a mascot. The men contributed a total of \$225 enough to buy the dog and provide for his shipment to Japan, immunisation shots and other incidentals.—China Mail Special.

"SUBVERSIVE" GOANS GET 12 YEARS

Goa, Aug. 30. A Portuguese Military Tribunal has sentenced eight Goan Hindus, charged with subversive activities, to prison terms ranging from one to 12 years with fines and suspension of political rights. It was announced today. One man was acquitted.

The group were arrested on January 20 (Indian Republic Day).

The Portuguese authorities are permitting the wife of Madhu Limaye, arrested when leading Indian demonstrators into Goa on July 28, to visit her husband in prison. It was stated here. The Indian Government had requested that the visit be permitted.—Reuter.

Leaving Austria By October

London, Aug. 30. The War Office announced today that, in accordance with the Austrian State Treaty, all British troops will be out of Austria by October 24.—United Press.

Pilot Dies In Crash

Calcutta, Aug. 30. An Indian Airlines freighter Dakota caught fire and crashed today while taking off at Silma, south-west of Kathmandu.

The pilot, Captain C. Bhowmik, who with two other members of the crew, was seriously injured in the crash, died later at Patna Hospital where the injured had been flown by a helicopter plane, always officials said.

This is the second Indian plane crash in a month in Nepal—another freighter Dakota having crashed at Bairewa killing the pilot three weeks ago.—Reuter.

FLATS ON THE PLAYING FIELDS OF ETON?

Eton, Aug. 30. The Ministry of Housing today refused to confirm an application by the Eton Urban Council to purchase compulsorily part of the famous playing fields of Eton, England's leading public school, to build flats.

The college itself had not objected to the proposal but local residents opposed the move at a public inquiry last month.

They pointed out that the land in question is flooded when the River Thames overflows and the erection of flats would spoil one of Eton's best views of nearby Windsor Castle.

The Ministry told the Council by letter today that it could not confirm the order because the ground is subject to extensive flooding and "the amenities of the area would be seriously affected."

The flats were intended for old people.—China Mail Special.

A Bomb Under Peron's Window

Buenos Aires, Aug. 30. A small explosive charge went off today just beneath the windows of President Juan Peron's office in the Casa Rosada, the government house in central Buenos Aires.

Police said the explosive, thrown from a speeding car by unidentified persons, went off harmlessly, shortly before noon.—United Press.

Bus Tragedy

Paris, Aug. 30. One child was killed and nine injured when a station bus backed into a crowd of holiday children at the Gare de Lyon station in Paris tonight. Two girls in charge of the children were also injured.—France-Press.

Colombo Plan Talks

Singapore, Aug. 30. The seventh Colombo Plan meeting will be held in Singapore between October 17 and October 22, according to a Singapore Government statement released today.—Reuter.



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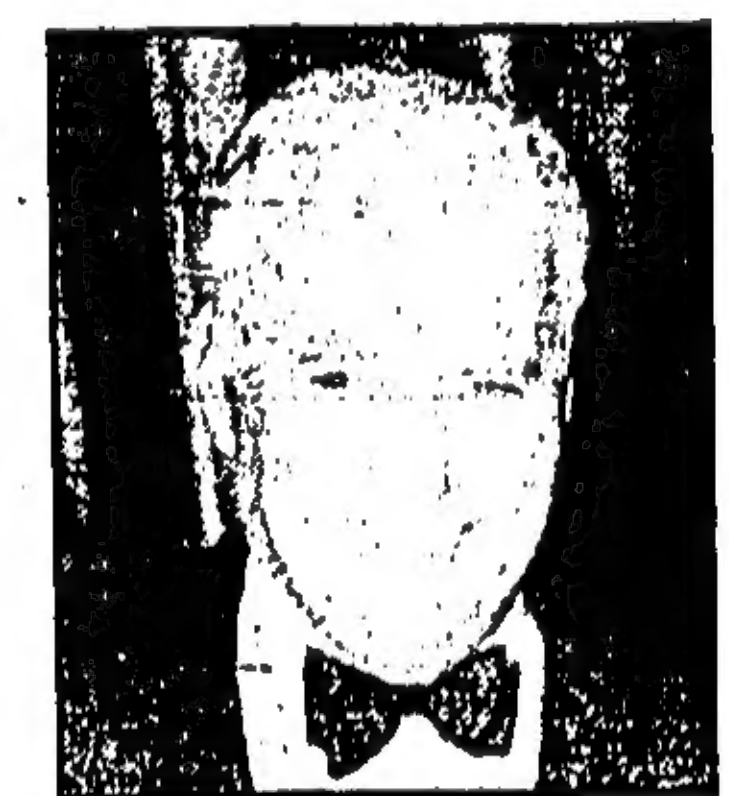
Sir Thomas White, the Australian High Commissioner in London, speaks at the formation ceremony of the first Royal Australian Navy jet and propeller jet squadrons in Britain at Coldrose Air Station, near Helsing (Cornwall).—Express Photo.

US Wants 1/2 Million From Chaplin

Washington, Aug. 30. Silent film star Charles Chaplin protested the Government assessing him \$516,167.47 in income taxes and interest for 1953, US tax court records showed today.

Chaplin, who left the United States in 1952, claims that he was not a resident of the United States during 1953 and consequently cannot be assessed for income tax for that year.

Chaplin, a British subject despite his many years in the United States, said that when he left in September, 1952, for



CHARLIE CHAPLIN

a visit to Europe the US Government announced it would oppose his return.

The Government, he said, raised a question of "moral turpitude" against him.

Chaplin said he "interpreted this statement to mean that he would be prohibited from re-entering the United States."

The Government contends that between January 1, 1953 and April 10, 1953, Chaplin was a resident alien and from April

Chaplin contends that as a British subject he was a resident of the United States before September, 1952, but by the end of 1952 he had "abandoned any intent to return to the United States and made plans to reside in Switzerland permanently."

Bought Home

He said he had bought a home in Switzerland, organized a corporation to carry on his film activities and sold his US home and studio holdings, intending "not ever again thereafter to engage in trade or business in the United States."

He contended that "at all times" after December 31, 1952, he was a non-resident alien of the United States, did not further engage in business here and was not therefore subject to United States tax laws.

Chaplin gave his present address as Manoir de Ban, Corsier Sur Vevey, Switzerland.

Chaplin's appeal to the tax court presented the internal revenue service with the problem of collecting any deficiency that might ultimately be decided upon.

Since Chaplin is a British subject residing in Switzerland and faced with accusations of tax evasion in the United States it "appears to present some intriguing, if not insurmountable problems," the official said.

He admitted that it was not clear yet how the Government might go about collecting any tax deficiency ultimately assessed.—United Press.

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RUMANIA CUTS ARMY BY 40,000 Falls Into Step With New Kremlin Policy

Vienna, Aug. 30.

Communist Rumania today got in step with the Kremlin's new "European disarmament programme" with the announcement that the army will be cut by 40,000 men by next December 1.

Rumania is the third member of the Communist European bloc to make such an announcement. Others of the Soviet satellite nations are expected to fall in line quickly.

Western observers view the move as a manoeuvre to put increasing pressure on the United States to remove its forces from Europe and to convince the world that the Soviet Union has only peaceful intentions.

Russia led off the campaign on August 13 with the announcement that the Soviet army would be cut by 649,000 men. Czechoslovakia followed on August 14 by announcing a troop cutback of 34,000 men.

Communist Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria are expected to take similar steps in the next few weeks, informed sources said.

Civilian Life

No reliable information has ever been released by Russia or its satellites on current troop strengths, so no one outside the Iron Curtain has any way of knowing whether the cuts are actually made.

It was noticed here that the Rumanian announcement made no mention of the demobilized men returning to civilian life, but said instead that they would be "transferred to construction and building projects."

Rumania's regular forces are estimated at about 200,000 men, with another 200,000 mobilized into semi-military organizations such as frontier guards, security forces and workers' battalions.

The strength of the Soviet forces in Rumania is estimated at nearly one division.—United Press.

KABAKA ON HOLIDAY

Cannes, Aug. 30. Kabaka Mutesa II of Buganda arrived here today with his brother, Prince Niteka for a short holiday, part of which will be spent as guest of the Aga Khan.

The 30-year-old Kabaka was deposed by the British Colonial Office in 1954 for "failing to co-operate loyally" with the Government but will be allowed to return to his homeland as a constitutional monarch under an agreement signed earlier this month. He is expected to return by November.—China Mail Special.

SCIENTISTS WILL USE SIMPLE LANGUAGE

Bristol, Aug. 30.

Britain's top-ranking scientists settle down here today to tell the British public about such subjects as nuclear physics and other scientific topics.

A total of 400 physicists, chemists, geologists, engineers, will be convening for the 11th conference of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

For a week, until September 7, they will read papers on such subjects as nuclear physics and symbolic logic in language guaranteed "as far as possible" to be "intelligible to the scientist working in other fields and to the layman interested in the subjects."

On the programme this year are talks on the genetic problems of irradiated human populations; the psychological trouble with people who hate shades of green and brown; space flight; cosmic rays; pioneering in Canada; rocket research and the behaviour of metals inside atomic piles.

One team of researchers will discuss "the psychological characteristics of people who blush easily."

Archaeologists and anthropologists will spend some time reporting on cannibalism and the burial practices of various races.

Economists are devoting themselves to passing on information in incentives and productivity, taxation and income and the rationalisation of wages.

Engineers will report on the methods of using fuel in a nuclear power programme.—China Mail Special.

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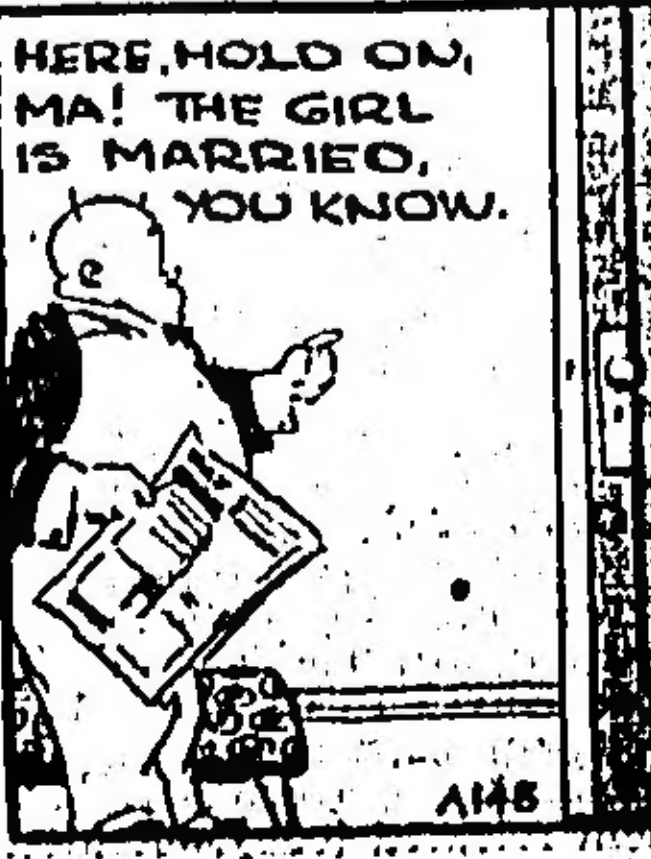
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AMERICA-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY

Shigemitsu Wants Greater Share Of Own Defence REVISION REQUESTED

Washington, Aug. 30.

During the question period following his prepared speech at the National Press Club today, Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu reiterated his desire to secure a revision of the Japanese-American Security Treaty to give his country a greater share in its own defence.

He said: "I should like very much to raise that question while I am here and I should like to explain our position very clearly and frankly to our friends in the American Government."

In reply to another question, Mr. Shigemitsu predicted that the efforts to merge the Japanese Liberal and Democratic Parties into a single Conservative Party will be successful.

"I am sure we shall be able to consolidate the conservative elements in Japan," he said. In answer to the question as to who should be Premier under a merger, he laughingly replied: "I may refuse to be Premier."

The Japanese Foreign Minister also predicted that the conservative elements in Japan eventually would succeed in getting the Constitution revised to eliminate the section prohibiting rearmament.

In response to a question on that subject, he said: "Although the Bill to amend the Constitution was turned down by the Socialists, we are going to try our best to get our Constitution revised. I feel sure that we will be quite successful in the attempt to revise the Constitution in this respect."

Most Anxious

Mr. Shigemitsu said his Government was most anxious to achieve "normal relations" with South Korea but was finding it difficult to resolve the differences between the two countries.

"We are prepared to make all sorts of concessions," he said. "As for the South Korean demand for property restitution, we are glad to do that. But still we have lots of difficulties. We must be very patient."

The Foreign Minister turned aside, with indirect answers, two questions concerning the impact of Japanese products on American markets.

When he was asked, "What are you doing over there to allay the fears of American textile producers about competition from Japanese goods?" Mr. Shigemitsu replied: "I think your requirements are enough to consume our good textiles too. Replying to a question as to

whether the Japanese Government was considering a voluntary programme to restrict tuna exports to the United States, he replied: "My only answer is that I wish you would eat more tuna."

Other Questions

Among the replies that Mr. Shigemitsu gave to a number of other questions, he said that:

1. He, personally, advocated birth control, to hold down the Japanese population and reduce the political and economic effects of overcrowding.

2. There are less than one million registered Communists in Japan, "but there are many millions under Communist influence. We just let them go as long as they do not disturb the peace and order of our country."

3. "We shall be able to make some sort of adjustment on the Japanese tax rate on foreigners if it is required." Asked whether he did not believe that (1) many foreign businessmen would leave Japan, and (2) Japan's economy would suffer if the tax on foreigners is raised next January to the same high levels at which the Japanese are taxed (foreign businessmen contend that this does not constitute equality because Japanese firms, by different systems of paying employees, enable them to escape high levels of the tax), Mr. Shigemitsu replied:

"We shall be able to make some adjustment if it is required but I hope that our foreign friends will not leave Japan just because they are being taxed the same as the Japanese."

4. The US has not offered to help Japan pay its reparations debts and the offer would not have been accepted anyway. "We are determined to pay our reparations debts ourselves."

5. He felt "disqualified" to answer a question as to whether Japanese war criminals received fair trials, because "You know how I feel."

6. He hopes the Japanese baseball teams defeat the New York Yankees when the latter visit Japan after the World Series.

The first question asked Mr. Shigemitsu was: "If Japan had won the war, is it likely that the US Secretary of State would now be addressing the Tokyo Press Club?" He replied: "I wish it were the case."—United Press.

Russian Theologians To Visit Germany

Bielefeld, Aug. 30. Soviet theologians of the Russian Orthodox church are soon to visit West Germany to study and lecture here, a spokesman for the Evangelical church said today.

Several theology professors are to give guest lectures at West German universities while a group of theology students has accepted an invitation to study at a university here during the summer term 1956.

The invitations to the Russian theologians was handed over recently to Patriarch Alexei head of the Russian Orthodox church by a group of West German churchmen visiting the Soviet Union at his invitation.

Patriarch Alexei received the Germanists at his summer residence at Odessa in the Ukraine. They are on a several weeks' visit to the Soviet Union. —China Mail Special.

SCIENTISTS AT HARWELL



Scientists from many nations, including Iron Curtain countries, are gathered at Harwell, looking at a large piece of scientific equipment, possibly a reactor or particle accelerator.

ISRAEL ACCUSES EGYPTIANS Continuous Attacks

London, Aug. 30.

The Israeli Embassy in London tonight issued a communique accusing Egypt of launching "a continuous series of attacks" on the Gaza frontier strip between Egypt and Israel and described the situation as "most serious."

The Israeli communique claimed that since Egypt walked out of the frontier talks with Israel last week, Israeli patrols, villages and civilians had been continuously attacked.

Ban On Inhuman Punishment

Geneva, Aug. 30.

The first United Nations congress on prevention of crime and treatment of offenders today approved a "prisoners charter" prohibiting "all cruel, inhuman or degrading punishments."

It adopted a set of 95 standard minimum rules which would ban corporal punishment, chains, irons and strait jackets and punishment by placing in a dark cell for disciplinary offences.

Except in special circumstances prison staff should not be armed. Among guiding principles the rules state: "The purpose and justification of a sentence of imprisonment... is ultimately to protect society against crime. This end can only be achieved if the period of imprisonment is used to ensure so far as possible that upon his return to society the offender is not only willing but able to lead a law-abiding and self-supporting life."

Assistance

To this end all remedial, educational, moral and spiritual forms of assistance should be applied.

Treatment of prisoners, the "charter" says, should emphasize not their exclusion from the community but their continuing part in it. Every institution should have social workers to maintain and improve the prisoners' relations with his family and with social agencies.

There should be "governmental or private agencies capable of leading the released prisoner efficiently after care directed towards the lessening of probability against him and towards his social rehabilitation."—Reuters.

It also alleged that one civilian was murdered last night at Yavneh, 25 miles south of Tel-Aviv, well inside the frontier and that four other civilians were killed near Ness Zionah, 15 miles south of Tel-Aviv.

The Embassy communique alleged that the Israelis were the victims of attacks by persons who had infiltrated into Israel from Egyptian territory.

Responsibility

The communique declared: "The Government of Israel is prepared as ever to observe the provisions of the armistice, but it will take whatever measure will be called for to safeguard the life and property of its citizens."

It added that responsibility for breaking off negotiations "must rest squarely upon Egypt."

The communique claimed that since the talks broke off Egypt had attacked 13 Israeli villages, and 12 Israeli patrols, and had violated Israeli air space seven times.

It said that eight Israelis had been killed and 20 injured in these incidents.—France-Press.

SUDANESE REFUGEES

Paris, Aug. 30. Sudanese officials and other refugees have crossed the frontier from the Sudan into the French central African territory of Oubangui-Chari, French officials revealed today.

The refugees were natives of the North Sudan who had been living in the South. The South Sudanese have threatened the Northerners during the recent wave of mutinies and disturbances.

The Governor of Oubangui-Chari Province has been instructed to take any action required.—France-Press.

RITA SHOCKED BY SEPARATION

RITA Hayworth, the film actress, was described today as so emotionally shocked by her separation from Dick Haymes that she was confined to her bed.

Miss Hayworth, who announced yesterday that she was leaving Mr. Haymes, had been due to appear in a Federal court today for a hearing on her breach of contract suit against Columbia Pictures.

The hearing was adjourned until November 15 after her lawyer filed an affidavit signed by Dr. Fred V. Cefini which said:

"The separation was such an emotional shock that I have ordered her to bed for several days. She was so upset I prescribed sedatives for her. Her health would be endangered if she were forced to attend the trial."

Miss Hayworth said yesterday she had walked out on Mr. Haymes "in the best interests of my children, Dick and myself."

Meanwhile Mr. Haymes wept at Miss Hayworth's sudden departure and declared that if the estranged film star did not return to him "I can't go on."

"If she divorces me I don't know what I will do," the crooner sobbed into a reporter's ear. "I probably won't take a bottle of sleeping pills but I will feel mighty miserable. A man is only in love once and I have been in love with Rita for 18 years. She is the most beautiful woman in the world."

Friends of Miss Hayworth said she resented Mr. Haymes' alleged "Svengali" methods of trying to dominate her film career. Though many believed Rita was definitely through with

the singer, her fourth husband, others felt their legal problems might bring them together.

Mr. Haymes, an Argentine, is placing his hopes for United States citizenship on his marriage to Miss Hayworth. Rita needs Haymes' testimony in her breach of contract suit against Columbia studios which she is suing for \$100,000 in her contention that the studio broke an agreement to start filming "Joseph and his Brethren" last March 6.

Rita is also believed to fear that her third husband, Prince Aly Khan, might use the breakup of her marriage to Mr. Haymes as an argument to gain full custody of his daughter, Yvonne.

Rita's older daughter is by her second marriage to Orson Welles.—China Mail Special.

SCOTCH UP TOMORROW

Edinburgh, Aug. 30.

Maximum price for standard brands of Scotch whisky will be raised on September 1 by one shilling to 36 shillings a bottle in Britain, the Scotch Whisky Association announced.

This is the first increase in 4½ years.—China Mail Special.

Woman Exposed To Radiation

Brescia, Rome, Aug. 30.

An attractive Italian woman doctor carried on with her vacation today despite fears that she is suffering from over-exposure to deadly isotope radiation.

Reporters who traced Dr. Ines Marini to her vacation hideout here obtained her admission to over-exposure.

"But it's not serious," she said. Curiosity about the attractive woman doctor arose after Prof. Aldo Profili of the Ancona Medical Institute where she worked announced she was suffering from the effects of nuclear radiation.

He said Dr. Marini was exposed while treating patients with radioactive isotopes in the Institute's cancer centre. Dr. Marini said she felt perfectly well and intended to stay on with the holiday she is spending with her fiancé, Enzo Boletti, who was repatriated from a Russian prisoner-of-war camp only last November.—United Press.

One-Man Invasion Of Kashmir

Karachi, Aug. 30.

Islam Salmani, a Pakistani law student, told reporters here today that he plans a one-man "Goa-style" protest invasion of the Indian occupied part of Kashmir on September 13.

He said that on his lone satyagraha (peaceful demonstration) he would take a white dove which he would release at the border. Tied to his leg would be a message insisting in the name of Pakistan on Kashmir's right to choose its own government.

Pakistan has long demanded a plebiscite in Kashmir, the territory disputed by the two dominions since the partition of the sub-continent.

Barbers' Union

About two years ago Islam Salmani made vociferous efforts to raise the status of barbers, including the organisation of an all-Pakistan barbers' association. He comes from a family of barbers.

The acting Governor-General of Pakistan, Major-General Iskander Mirza, has not dealt with a letter from the West Pakistan Christian Zamindars' Labour League asking the "Queen's blessing" for a mass satyagraha on Indian-occupied Kashmir on September 15.—Reuters.

London, Aug. 30. British paratroops so often break their false teeth while jumping that the British Government has ordered a research into nylon dentures, it was disclosed at the British National Pharmaceutical Congress at Aberdeen today.—France-Press.

Invitation To Arab States SITUATION IN NORTH AFRICA

Baghdad, Aug. 30. Saudi Arabia today delivered a non-committal reply to Iraq's invitation for a meeting of the Foreign Minister of the Arab states to discuss the situation in North Africa.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Burhanuddin Bashayyan is said to have received a reply that was "neither an acceptance nor a rejection."

Authoritative quarters said they understood that Saudi Arabia had raised the point that the invitation had not come through the Arab League. They pointed out, however, that any Arab Government is entitled to call a meeting of the League or a consultation at Government level.

The meeting, these sources believed, would take up, besides the North Africa issue, the statement issued by US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles urging a settlement of the Arab-Israeli difficulties.—United Press.

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Earl Of Home On Tour Of Commonwealth

London, Aug. 30. The Earl of Home, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, left here by air tonight for New York on his way to New Zealand to begin an extensive Commonwealth tour.

At the airport he said he would spend a fortnight in New Zealand, a month in Australia and about a week each in Ceylon, India and Pakistan.

He added: "I have not any particular mission, but my object is to meet the Prime Ministers of all the countries concerned and make acquaintances of leading personalities."

The Earl said he particularly hoped to see a good deal of the agricultural and industrial developments in New Zealand and Australia and would visit the Snowy River power scheme and Woomera rocket range.

He is expected to return to Britain early in November.—Reuters.

Fine Wished Schmidts The Best

New York, Aug. 30.

Alfred Fine, the young logger who was left out in the cold when Una Schmidt went back to her airman husband, was quoted today as saying he wished them "nothing but happiness."

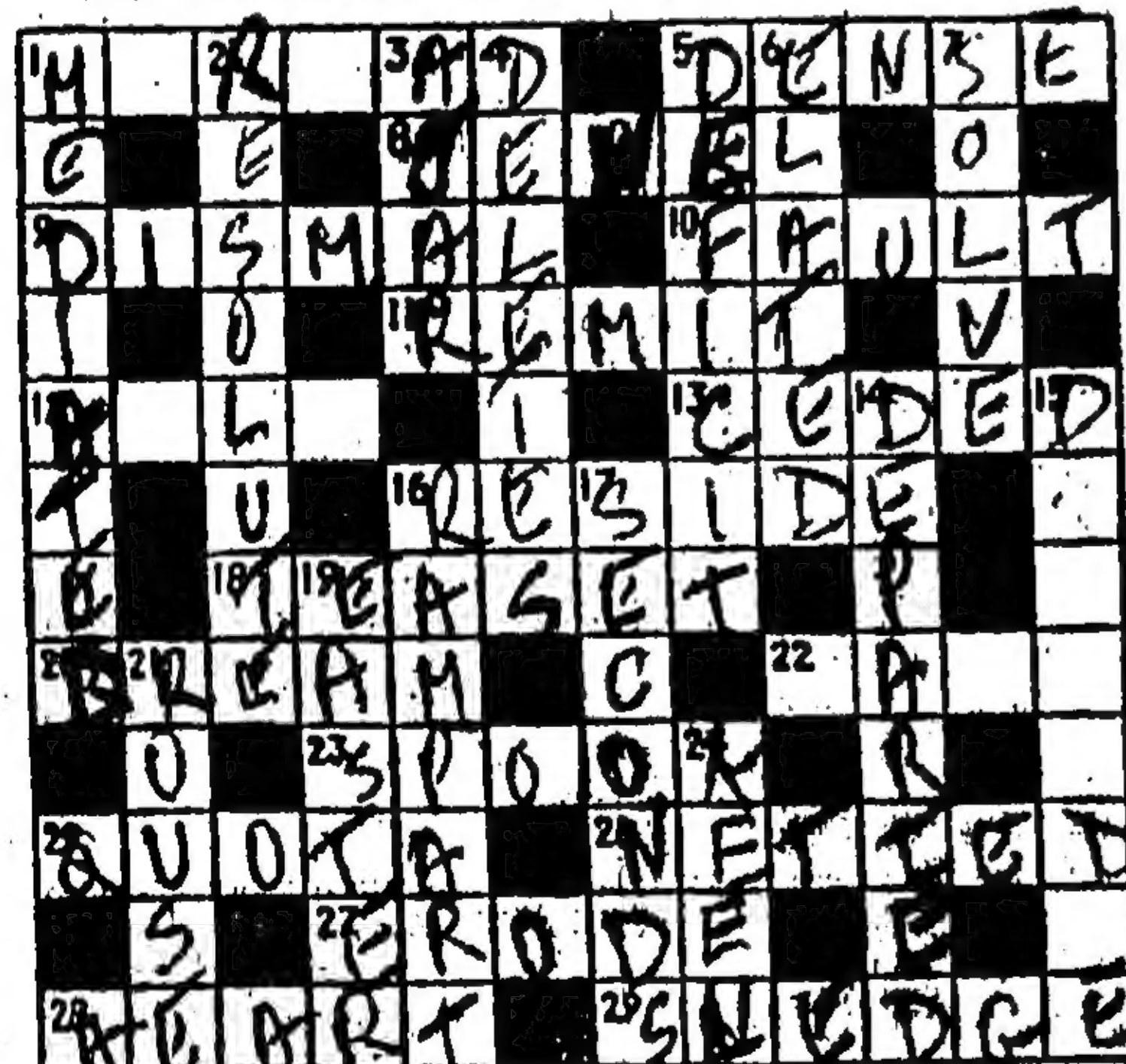
"And that goes for all three of them—for Una, for Danny, and for Danny Junior," he said in an interview with the San Francisco Call-Bulletin.

The newspaper said that it had reached Fine in his auto trailer at an undiscovered spot, some miles from San Francisco.

Vague

"It's been mighty tough since this thing broke," the 21-year-old Fine said. "I'm planning to go far away—I'll probably travel all over the United States before I can get over it." "I wished her well," he said. "I still love her, but I'm not going to do anything about trying to get her back."—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS: 1 Large number (6). 5 Stupid (5). 8 Gem (5). 9 Drearly (5). 10 Defect (5). 11 Bend (5). 12 Clever (5). 13 Granted (5). 16 Dwell (5). 18 Crockery (5). 20 Roverie (5). 22 Kind of armour (4). 23 Apparition (5). 24 Ration (5). 26 Snared (5). 27 Eat away (5). 28 Core (5). 29 Snow carriage (5).
- DOWN: 1 Acted as go-between (8). 2 Determined (5). 3 Half open (5). 4 Expunges (7). 6 Shortage (5). 7 Delighted (5). 7 Find the solution (5). 14 Left (8). 15 Shift (8). 16 Fortification (7). 17 Supports (7). 19 Church festival (5). 21 Stir (5). 24 Bottom of a ship (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 1 Spread, 5 Pickle, 8 Bear, 9 Rumpus, 11 Ornate, 12 Extend, 14 Glut, 16 Canoe, 18 Green, 19 Pest, 20 Rushed, 24 Theme, 25 Tonic, 26 Soak, 27 Salt, 28 Recess. Down: 1 Silt, 2 Rippe, 3 Abet, 4 Deser, 5 Produce, 6 Clever, 7 Stunned, 10 Exile, 13 Ignites, 14 Gentel, 16 Undress, 17 Aspen, 19 Pastor, 21 House, 22 Dine, 23 Aids.

DID IT HAPPEN?

MABEL

● There was a certain bond between us—possibly because we had both entered Holloway on the same day. But did this story actually happen? Tomorrow the answer will be published.

"IT'S not right, you know, dear," she said in her rich cockney voice. "It's not right at all." I took the scissors that Mabel handed to me. "Mmm?" I mumbled as I snipped the thick thread.

Mabel looked away from me and the words alighted out of the corner of her mouth. "Us being here... in this place, I mean."

I felt inclined to agree but, having known Mabel for just over three weeks, I knew that she preferred a one-sided conversation, and that it would continue in a second or two without any prompting from me.

Teddy Boy

"Must show you a snap of Fred," whispered Mabel. "You might call him one of the original Teddy Boys—but with more poise—if you know what I mean."

Mabel smiled, as though the memory of Fred's "poise" pleased her. I refrained from reminding her that earlier recollections of Fred—related by her to me—had not been favourable. It seemed that any balance that the original Teddy Boy may have possessed deserted him as he stood, side by side with Mabel, in the dock at Bow Street, protesting his innocence and endorsing Mabel's guilt.

"And me—approved school, Borstal and all that—I didn't stand no chance," in Mabel's own words.

And that is how it came about that Mabel and I met in Holloway Gaol, where I, too, was serving the beginning of my prison sentence.



I WAS told that Mabel had been involved in a fight with another woman. . . .

address from Bet and send you a Christmas card—both be out by then but I might be anywhere."

I did as she asked but I never saw Mabel again.

Three weeks after my release from the Prison-without-Bars I received by post, a small, carefully done-up parcel.

Inside, amid layers of cotton-wool, lay a beautiful cigarette lighter, bearing the name of a well-known maker.

There was a crumpled note wrapped around it. It was from Mabel. It said that she and Fred had been reunited—that they were to be married in a few weeks, and that the lighter was to remind me of her.

I was touched by the unexpected Christmas present, but the letter had no address at the top, and there would be no way of thanking her.

I turned over the small piece of paper. The words I read caused me to reflect that Fred wasn't the only one with poise. Mabel had written:

P.S.—"I'm working in a tobaccoist's now."

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DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

YES NO

Put your tick in the space above and keep this panel by you until tomorrow when the answer will be given—with another story in this series by

C. S. Forester

Did yesterday's story—The Pachel Sold Cyprian, by Lilian Wyles—actually happen? The answer is YES

by JOAN HENRY

JOAN HENRY, ex-debutante and descendant of Sir Robert Peel and Lord John Russell (Bertrand is a cousin), was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment in 1950 on charges of uttering forged cheques. She pleaded not guilty. Who is in Gaol—her book about prison life—was filmed as The Night—also scheduled for the screen. London born (1914), Miss Henry lives in Knightsbridge. Her outstanding ambition: "To write a good play."



ships flourish in the cloistered existence of the convicted, born of familiarity and fostered by the—probably misplaced—sense of injustice that unites all those who have fallen foul of the law. I found myself watching Mabel more and more as time dragged by. There was something about her that fascinated me. She certainly wasn't pretty—or even good-looking—but there was an aliveness about her; a sort of glow which owed nothing to make-up and overcame the prison pallor which, in some degree, marked all our faces.

She was a good worker and her needle flew at a speed I envied, in spite of her constant, and often humorous, flow of chatter. We all talked without moving our lips, like ventriloquists. However, I suppose our efforts were somewhat amateurish as we were constantly reprimanded for talking by one of the officers.

I didn't work over-hard while I was in Holloway. Most of the time I was in the prison hospital which meant that I could only earn sixpence a week, in the work-room, regardless of the number of garments I completed.

Dizzy sum

Mabel worked at feverish speed and her earnings usually amounted to elevenpence halfpenny. This dizzy sum she spent entirely on sweets, for which

she had a passion, and as I felt that the two cigarettes a week, which were all I could afford, would only increase my craving for nicotine, I usually bought a sixpenny bag of fruit pastilles and gave her half.

This was not an entirely unselfish gesture on my part; in return Mabel helped me fit the buttons on my shirts—a task that I found very difficult—and before Mabel's assistance, were usually pulled apart by the officer in charge, when I submitted them for inspection.

In spite of Mabel's record (she had been convicted for receiving but owned to being an inveterate shoplifter—"seems soft to pay, dear, when the shops are stacked with things they'll never miss") she had her own form of integrity and loyalty, which made her a favourite with the other women.

Endearing

Except for her first outburst against Fred, she never showed any further resentment towards him. He was "her boy," and she hadn't been brought up to expect anything of anyone. No matter that she had nearly a year to do and that Fred would be out in four months.

There was a fifty-fifty chance that Fred would be waiting for her—poise and all.

One morning, Mabel wasn't in her accustomed place at the work-room table. I was in the prison hospital at that time, but went to work with the rest of the prisoners.

I was told that Mabel had been involved in a fight with another woman, and was confined to her cell prior to seeing the governor. My informant wasn't clear about the cause of the battle, but the general view was that Mabel might lose remission over the episode.

A few days later as we were lining up for exercise outside the hospital walls, I saw Mabel. She was being sent to the cold wind. "It's not right moving me into this place, I'm not ill or anything, and I'd got a real nice cell with a hot-water pipe running through it—smashing for drying things—it's not fair."

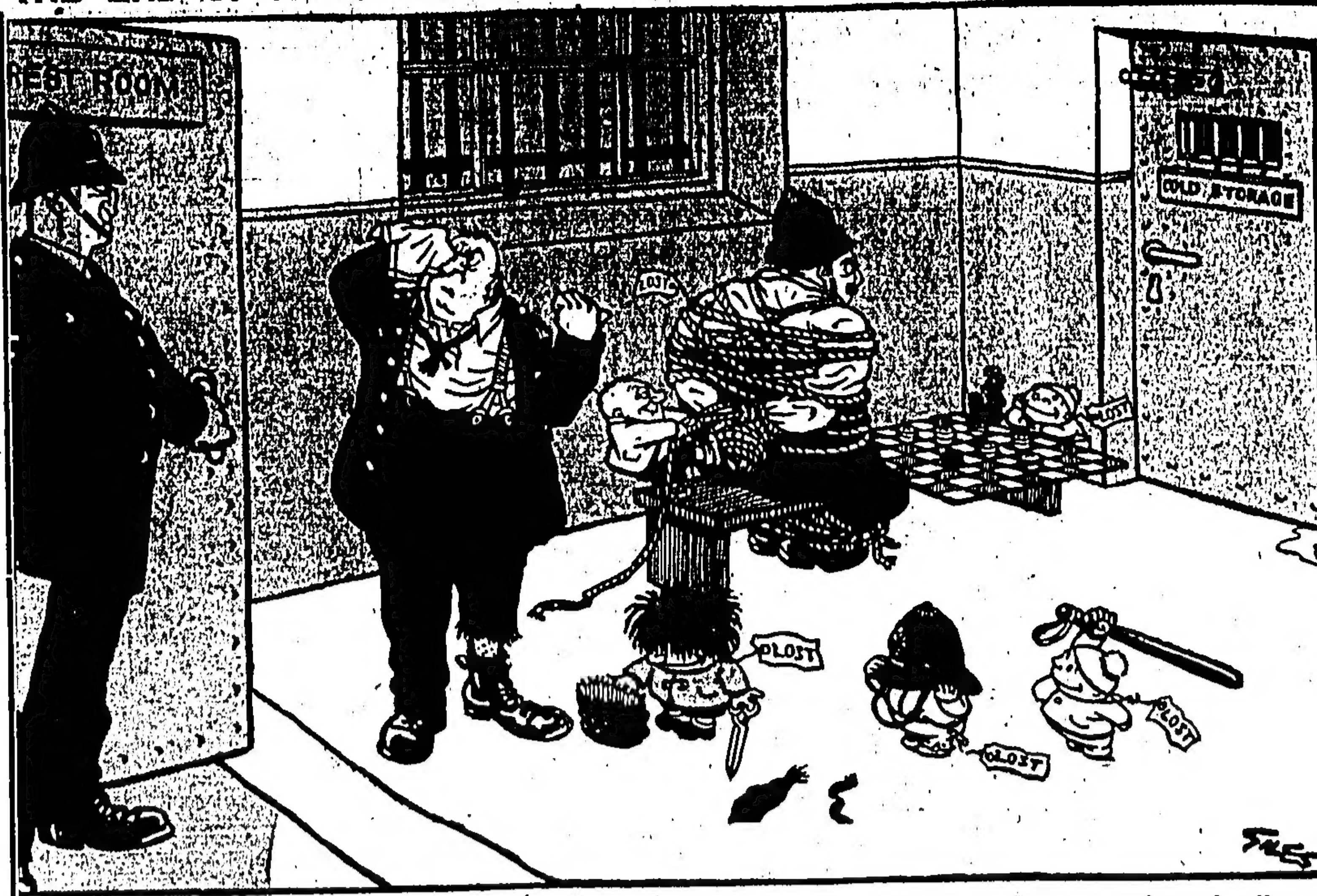
She didn't tell me what the row had been about and I didn't ask her. I saw Mabel at odd moments after that. She worked in the laundry and always insisted on washing and pressing my tie before I had a visit, and once presented me with a small gilt safety-pin, which became my most valuable possession.

After I had been at Holloway two months, I was told that I was being sent to an open prison in Yorkshire. That Sunday, Mabel made signs to me in Chapel that she'd heard the news, and in a whispered conversation outside the Governor's office, the following morning, had me goodbye.

It's not right, Joan, I should be going too, but good luck all the same. Fred, I'll get your

THE END OF A NOT-SO-PERFECT HOLIDAY

BY GILES



"Sergeant, we want reinforcements or extra pay for looking after this lot until someone claims 'em."

By XAN FIELDING

SPOIL-SPORTS DON'T MAKE GOOD SPIES

Men who grumbled were failed at Pemberley . . . the secluded country house where Britain trained her spies for war.

"HAVE you any objection to committing murder?" "None," I answered. And that was the end of the interview.

For the next three days I was initiated into the mysteries of plastic high-explosive, slow-burning fuses, detonators and primer-cord, and was given detailed instruction in the most effective method of blowing up a railway line.

And that was all the training I received before being initiated into enemy-occupied Crete (where no railway has ever existed).

It was 1941. By 1943 the organisation of subversive activities had been put on a more professional basis, and every potential agent was required to undergo an intensive course in sabotage, unarmed combat, silent killing and general skullduggery. This training is no longer a secret. It is fully described in a new book.

The author, Dr. William J. Morgan, is an American psychologist.

* SPIES AND SABOTEURS, by Dr. William J. Morgan. (Gollancz, 13s. 6d.)

On the hottest day in the torrid summer of 1943 he was ushered into a small, stuffy room in a Washington building and faced by two strangers who asked him the following questions:

"Are you willing to undertake hazardous duties?" "To parachute from an aeroplane behind enemy lines?" "To be landed by a submarine on an enemy coast?"

A recruit

To all of which he answered "Yes," and so found himself recruited into the Office of Strategic Service (OSS), the American equivalent of our own Special Operations Executive (SOE), which I had joined in much the same way two years before.

But he still didn't know what OSS was all about, and nobody would tell him.

I can imagine how he felt, for I suffered myself from the same sort of excessive zeal for secrecy. I, too, found every one's lips sealed when I first reported for duty in Cairo. No one would even tell me where to report. Fortunately the problem was solved by an Egyptian taxi-driver. "Ah, yes, sir," he grinned. "I know where you want. Secret House"—and drove me straight to SOE Headquarters.

Dr. Morgan got out of his difficulty in an equally simple manner. He walked into a library, asked for the newspaper files on the OSS, and first searched from the daily Press all the dope anyone could ever want on this "Top Secret" organisation.

A few weeks later he sailed for Europe, with personal equipment which included almost everything but an automatic dishwasher. He had a .32 and a .45 pistol, a .22 pistol

with a silencer; an ordinary blackjack; a spring-snapper cask; a camera; two flash-bangs; "one from Abercrombie and Fitch"; a heavy box full of time pencils and other explosive devices; a Regular Army knife; a special "Fairbairn" killer stiletto; and fishskins.

All this luggage went astray somewhere between Edinburgh and Kinross Cross, and he never saw it again. But, as things turned out, he didn't really need it; for when he reported to OSS Headquarters in Grosvenor Street, he was told that instead of being parachuted into enemy-occupied territory for clandestine activities in the field he was going to be flown straight back to the States for psychological duties in Washington.

"A psychologist is a pretty useful guy to have around," he protested. "Don't you need any here?"

"That all depends, Lieutenant. Are you willing to work with the British?"

Down to earth

He was willing; and thus it was that he found himself at Pemberley.

Pemberley was a secluded country house which the War Office had taken over as a Selection Assessment Board for potential spies of almost every European nationality. Dr. Morgan was attached to it as a Military Testing Officer, and his duties consisted of observing the reactions and judging the capabilities of every candidate who underwent the strenuous four-day course.

The grounds of Pemberley must have looked rather like an open-air gymnasium. Fifteen-foot obstacles were dotted about the lawns; ropes hung from the trees; staking-ladders were propped against the garden walls; barbed-wire entanglements were stretched across the paths; and wooden poles lay beached along the pond. It was a Boy Scouts or a Paratrooper's dreamland.

Under this constant supervision of Dr. Morgan, the candidates spent most of their time swinging from trees, leaping, launching themselves off poles, forming, and spinning up scabbard-line-ways. But they were doing it all wrong. For these gymnastics called for more than muscular strength and courage; they called for improvisation and countless other qualities—word "also brought into play.

Grim purpose

Most of the candidates fully entered into the spirit of the game, for at Pemberley a spoli-sport hadn't a hope of success. One man, a professional ping-pong player, refused to face the obstacles. "If I do what you ask me," he complained, "I may ruin my hands. I make a living with my hands."

He was felled automatically. So was the high-ranking executive in a multi-billion-dollar American corporation, who kept growling, "This is a damn fool test."

In spite of the grim purpose for which it was designed, the course must have been a riot of good, clean fun. All the same, I'm glad I didn't have to go through it myself. Under the eagle eye of a practical psychologist like Dr. Morgan, I should have felt like a performing seal and duffed each test out of sheer embarrassment.

Yours truly, Eliza Milfin (Mrs.). (WORLD COPYRIGHT)

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

WHAT will happen to astrologers and their predictions when the sky is full of new moons and man-made satellites?

In a year or two an American moon will be travelling round the earth from north to south at 18,000 miles an hour.

Soon after, or even before, a Russian moon will be whirling in space. A British moon is dreamed and from Washington comes the news that yet another moon will be seen shortly over New Mexico.

Old Moore Gubbins, the world famous astrologer, said in an interview yesterday: "I do not think men of my profession need worry unduly about the situation. During the war, when I viewed the heavens through an upturned glass in the black-out, I often saw several moons. This made no difference to my prophecies, which usually turned out to be accurate."

Asked if he thought an overcrowded sky would cause some confusion when predicting people's fortunes according to their birthdays, he said: "Not at all. Even if there were a thousand moons all contradicting each other, I could still write birthday predictions. In fact, almost anybody could scribble them and almost everybody will believe them."

What does Old Moore Gubbins think men will find on the real moon when they get there? He thinks they will probably find astrologers like himself who often see several moons at the same time and keep the moon wolf from the door writing prophecies and birthday forecasts.

"There's probably one fool born every minute even on the moon," he said.

On the subject of moon madness, O.M.G. was asked what would happen to people who go slightly round the bend at the rising of a new moon when there are hundreds of moons rising at different times.

"The answer to that is obvious," he said. "Instead of going barmy 12 times a year they will be barmy all the year round. But nobody will notice the difference as, in my opinion, most people are barmy all the year round now."

A Beetle Writes...

FROM the correspondence column of the Animal's (Insects and Birds) Newspaper, edited by N. Gubbins, Esq., Sir,

My attention has been drawn to an article in a newspaper which refers to the potato-eating Colorado beetle as a "destructive pest." The article also describes Britain's 1955 campaign against "these unwelcome invaders" and says:

"Out of 30 Colorado beetles destroyed so far this year 24 were found in imported produce, seven in ships and one discovered in a car brought from France."

Reading this I wonder if the fair-minded British public will observe any resemblance between the pioneering spirit of the Colorado beetle and the pioneering spirit of their own ancestors who founded the British Empire?

Will the fair-minded American public see in the heroic efforts of insects to enlarge their horizon something akin to the indomitable courage that urged the early settlers in America westwards across mountains, and desert to found new homes and till new lands in a crowded world?

No doubt the native Red Indians of North America and the aborigines of Australia regarded the white pioneers as "unwelcome invaders." Invaders are not welcome anywhere. They might also have been called "destructive pests" but their courage and endurance must have been admired even by their bitterest enemies.

Was General Wolfe regarded by the French as an unwelcome invader or a gallant enemy?

Did the Spaniards think of Drake merely as a destructive pest or as a sailor of unsurpassed skill and courage? And when they write of heroic beetles being "destroyed," anybody ever says that Nelson was "destroyed" at Trafalgar?

I therefore ask all those who are not prejudiced to remember the 39 unknown beetles who died doing what they believed to be their duty.

I would like them particularly to remember the seven stowaways who faced death at sea with every man's hand against them, the beetle to the right ships, and the lone beetle, the true pioneer, who scorned the help and companionship of comrades and met his end, "unhonoured and unused" in a car coming over from France.

Those who admire the founders of the British Empire and have also criticised them for being ruthless exploiters hungry for land. If this is a crime the Colorado beetle is equally guilty. He is a ruthless exploiter hungry for potatoes.

But even if the motives and methods of man and beetle may be considered unworthy by the fastidious that is no reason why their achievements should not be recognised.

Yours faithfully, A. BEETLE.

Bumbling Love Letters

BEING a further instalment of the correspondence between Mr. George Bumbling and Mrs. Eliza Milfin, the voluptuous charwoman.

Dere Mrs Milfin, I was wonderful again Friday though I don't reckon you ought to take too much notice of what the lady reporters are writing about the fashions, in Paris.

After all you are tried the 4 line, the 5 line and the 2 line but you never built for

the new Y line which one lady says as no tips no waist and no bosom. I would rather see you as you always was with a proper B line as seen sideways and no muckin' about with nature."

I am glad to hear that your wild parties was not given to stir up trouble and start strikes and that they was not paid for by red gold. All the same, even if your life insured, as come due that is no way to spend it as we might need it for a rainy day and I reckon it would be safer in the post office.

Re: Your rehearsal as beauty queen, I reckon it was nothing but an excuse for another party as everybody knows beauty queens are ardy ever widows and must be 25 or under.

Whats more even if the Post-major he knows what proper majors only make a medal of them. No wonder they are callin you a scarlet woman and a snake in the grass. I'd take the postman away from his wife.

What about getting spliced up?

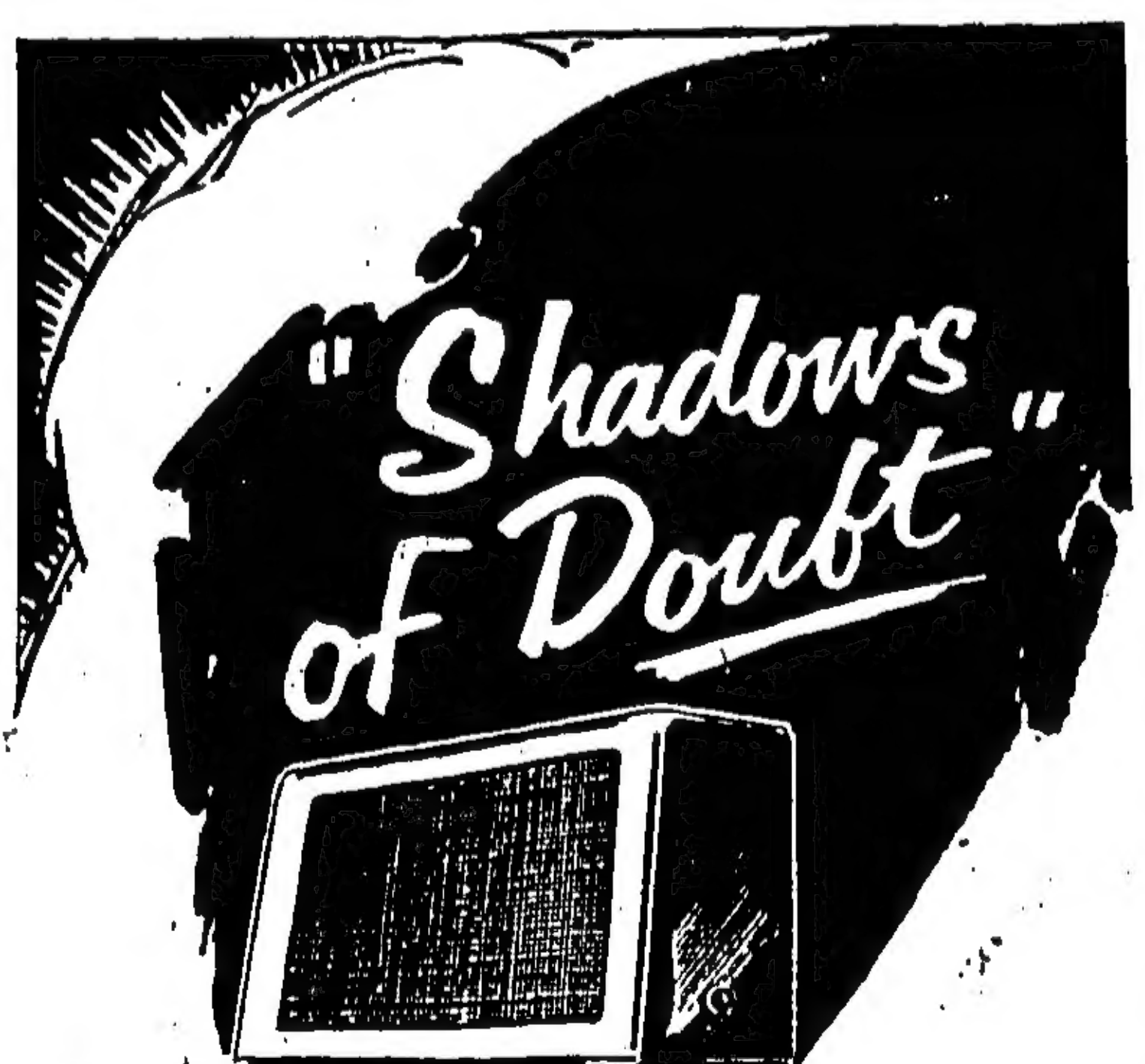
Yours truly, Bumbling (dear pen).

Dere Mrs Bumbling, I shall warn you not to interfere in my private affairs. If I want to spend my insurance money on parties I shall spend it on parties as I believe in enjoyin yourself while you can.

Whats more I'm sick and tired of your early remarks about my clothes and now you comin the acid about my age and callin me a snake in the grass I reckon it's time you found another lady friend.

If I appen to like the postman it's because hes larky and sporty and not a grizzled mule like you always laying down the law like a lord idn nobody. I shan't not be meetin you same time same place Friday sharp as me and the postman are avin a barbecue in the back garden with pork chops roasted over a fire.

Yours truly, Eliza Milfin (Mrs.). (WORLD COPYRIGHT)



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"THE CLOWN PRINCE OF FOOTBALL"

LEN SHACKLETON INSISTS HE NEVER WANTS TO PLAY FOR ENGLAND AGAIN

By ROY PESKETT

Len Shackleton, erstwhile England inside forward—he never wants to play for England again—has written the most bitter attack on Soccer I have ever read. It will be published as his biography* this week—and one way or another this great young athlete and business man does not come out of it very well.

"They called me the Clown Prince of Football. They called me irresponsible. They called me Big 'Ead, and lots of other uncomplimentary things," Shackleton said in an interview a little while ago.

Speaking of the occasion when he was chosen to play for the Football League against the Irish League in 1954, Shackleton, the business man says:

"I went to a good friend, George Childs, for advice. George, the other director in my company, looked at it partly from the business angle, and suggested: 'You must play for the League if you want to be picked for the Irish and German matches. Your new business salon is due to open around the same time as the game against Germany, and that publicity would give the business a wonderful send-off.' 'He was right. Why not use the favour of the selectors to launch the barber's shop?' I decided to play, and it still amuses me to imagine what the feelings of the Football Association would have been had they known that I represented England for the sake of publicity much as for the honour of wearing the international shirt!

SILLY BILLY

This is written by the same man who complains:

"Undoubtedly the greatest honour Soccer can bestow upon a player is national recognition. Except for the favoured few, international caps are difficult to win—as I have discovered—and for that reason I think the honour should be accompanied by financial remuneration in keeping with such an occasion.

"When an Englishman plays for his country he is paid £50 in a match which sometimes draws a £50,000 gate. If Tommy Trinder attracted a £50,000 audience, wouldn't he be well recompensed with a fee of £1,100? If Don Cockell and Rocky Marciano fought before a crowd which had paid £50,000 to watch them, would they consider they were over-paid at £50 each?

"I have read a book written by Billy Wright, England's Soccer captain, which states: 'If there was nothing else but the inducement of an international cap, I would be just as eager to play for England.' I consider his sentiments ludicrous, because when a man is playing football for a living, he must be paid in sterling.

"None of us would gain much sustenance from a meal prepared from the following menu, for instance:

Souvenir Soup, Continental, or Medallion Minestrone; Stewed White Stew, Braised badge, Steamed Veal Cutlet, Baked Potatoes, and Gratinous Gravy (garnished with Wembley Spring Grass); Team Tour Tart, and Cup Custard; Lancaster Gate Cheese (rather high); Coffee (Brazilian) optional."

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Chapter Nine in the book is headed "The average director's knowledge of football."

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"This chapter has deliberately been left blank in accordance with the author's wishes."

Thus he dismisses the men without whom the game in this country would not be possible. In another part of the book he attacks the England selectors thus:

"I have reserved until now the biggest nigger in the wood-pile, the ever-present ball and chain restricting the efforts of the England team. I refer to the method of team selection."

*"Clown Prince of Soccer," by Len Shackleton (Nicholas Kaye), 10s. 6d.

"Let us look at some of the men on whose shrewd or otherwise judgment rests the composition of England's international XI. There is Mr Arthur Drewry, who has connections with the fishing industry in Grimsby; Mr Harold Shental, wholesale provision merchant from Chesterfield; Mr Harry French, wholesale greengrocer from Middlesbrough; Sir Ames Brook



LEN SHACKLETON

Hirst, a Huddersfield solicitor; Mr Arthur Onkley, a retired Wolverhampton businessman, and Mr Joe Mearns, a London transport contractor. "All these gentlemen have one thing in common—the striking absence of any Soccer playing background of note—although I have heard rumours that one once played goal for an amateur team.

BOATS AND BUSES

"Obviously his attainment of such football eminence has been kept a good secret from his selection committee colleagues; there would surely have been no place for him as an England selector had it been known he had actually played football. I suggest that by the very nature of his professional occupation, Mr Harry French should be a better selector of cabbages than of footballers. Mr Harold Shental should know more about gorgonzola than goalkeepers, and Mr Joe Mearns should be better equipped to pass judgment on boats and buses than on ball players.

"The type of committee I have in mind of ex-footballers would consist of no more than three successful League club players, men like Arthur Rowley, Jimmy Seed, Joe Smith, Cliff Britton, Ted Drake, Stan Cullis, or Tom Whittaker. "The chosen three should be offered financial inducements in keeping with a responsible post—the F.A. would have to pay them £50 a week each—providing they ceased to act as managers and treated the England team as a full-time job."

BEVIN BOY
During the war "Shack" was employed by GEC assembling aircraft wireless sets, playing

160 Riders Vie For World Track Cycling Honours

More than 160 amateur and professional cyclists will start the battle today for five World Track Cycling Championships at the Vigorelli Stadium here. The meeting continues for four days and the programme is:

Wednesday: heats and quarter-finals amateur pursuit; heats and repechages amateur and professional sprints; first heat motor paced (stayers) event.

Thursday: Semi-finals, amateur pursuit; heats, second round and repechages amateur sprints; quarter-finals, professional sprints; second heat motor paced event.

Friday: Quarter-finals amateur sprints; semi-finals and final professional sprints; final of amateur pursuit; quarter-finals, professional pursuit; repechage motor paced event.

Saturday: Quarter, semi-finals and final amateur sprints; semi-finals and final professional pursuit; final motor paced event. —China Mail Special.

football for Bradford at weekends. He refused to transfer to Coventry when GEC moved back there after the war. He then received notification that he would have to do National Service.

He says: "I had no desire to join up. Two or three years' Army Service after the war could easily have gained all my hopes of a career in Soccer."

"I inquired if there was no alternative, and was told I could state a preference for coal-mining. My papers to report as a Bevin boy duly arrived, and off for the 30-odd mile journey from Bradford to Fryton Colliery, near Castleford.

"I thought it was a severe enough shock having to leave home at six o'clock in the morning, but that was nothing compared to the experience of my first descent in the pit cage. 'One day, at Fryton, was sufficient to convince me I had made a real blunder by volunteering for mining, and I soon started investigating ways and means of 'dodging the column' without being reprimanded for absenteeism. To be perfectly frank, I did not overwork myself."

Chapter Six of the book is headed "I never want to play for England again."

Somehow I don't think Shack ever will after this.

Nashua-Swaps In Winner-Take-All 10 Furlongs Race

Chicago, Aug. 31. Two magnificent three-year-olds, Nashua and Swaps, meet today at the Washington Park racetrack in a \$100,000 winner-take-all race.

Since their two-year-old days Nashua and Swaps have been prominent performers. Nashua won six times and finished second in eight races as a two-year-old and his three-year-old record is eight wins and a second in nine races.

Swaps won two out of six races as a juvenile and is unbeaten in eight this year. Nashua's one reverse was when he finished behind Swaps in the Kentucky Derby and that result is directly responsible for today's match.

The race will be over 10 furlongs on grass, same distance as the Kentucky Derby which takes place on a dirt track. Neither has raced on grass but they have shown no dislike for turf during their training.

CHAMPION JOCKEY
Eddie Arcaro, winner of more than 3,500 races, will ride Nashua and Willie Shoemaker, America's reigning Champion jockey, will have the mount on Swaps.

They were on the colts in the Kentucky Derby duel which Swaps won by a length and a half.

So great is the interest in the race that an advertiser has paid a large sum to sponsor half an hour's television programme, featuring the event and it is expected that, apart from the coverage being seen by 57,000 spectators being beaten, more than 50,000,000 people will tune their sets for the television version. —China Mail Special.

LOCAL GOLFER DOING WELL IN ENGLAND

Showing even better form than that which won him the Hongkong Junior Golf Championship, R. D. ("Bobbie") Bell, now on leave in England, has been playing some of the better known U.K. courses with excellent results.

Stourbridge, an English golf course of tournament standard, was the scene of one of his recent triumphs. Collecting 2 birdies and 12 pars, with one out of bounds, he finished with a very impressive 75, only 3 over par.

For those interested in more detailed information on Bobbie Bell's round at Stourbridge, reproductions of the actual card will be displayed on the club handicap boards at Farning and Shick 15.

SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

Andy Beattie, famous and able manager of Huddersfield Town, has staggered his Directors by telling them: "I am giving up the game."

This is one of the most unexpected resignations in modern soccer. His contract had two years to run. He was the highest paid manager ever appointed by the Yorkshire Club.

Beattie, now 42, was a polished player with Preston and Scotland, a shrewd manager with Barrow and Stockport before his Huddersfield days. Huddersfield Chairman Dick Parker was astonished.

Because relations between Mr Beattie and the board have been so cordial and happy."

Beattie said: "I asked for my release because I do not feel prepared, as I ought to do, to face nine months of mental slogging."

IMMEDIATE FUTURE

"As a player I gave up at the top. That is why I am dropping out of the game now. Football has done a lot for me and I have been very happy with it."

He concludes: "I have no intention of coming back to football in the immediate future."

Charlton, missing the Eddie Firmani goal touch, have now lost live-wire leader Bobby Ayre for the next month.

Ayre was injured at Sheffield on the same Bramall Lane ground where he clipped an elbow bone in April and missed the final matches of last season.

Another crack amateur has quit Walthamstow Avenue. He is lorry-driving centre forward Jim Paris. Secretary Jim Lewis hopes to get school teacher Ken Harrison of Crook Town to play for Walthamstow.

Page one's "How's Your Overdraft" slips on to the back page with story of Blackpool, Stan Mortensen, and another England star.

Mortensen collected his £750 benefit the other day but didn't handle any cash.

Mortensen frankly admits he was only too glad to tell the club to keep it as the pay-off on a loan made to him by the club when he was building up his business.

The club, clamping down a bit on its well-known generosity, thought the star could do the same and asked that his benefit be "returned" to the club to pay off his loan.

NOT THE TIME

Blackpool directors have decided the first month of the season is not the time to grant transfers.

So they told their £20,000 Scottish international inside left Allan Brown: "No transfer for the time being."

It's only days since Sid O'Linn returned from South Africa and re-signed for Charlton. But the big inside right

is already itching for a change of club.

Sid quit England last season and took his English wife to Johannesburg. But she wanted to return to England for health reasons.

Despite a great respect for manager Jimmy Seed, Sid wants a move. He thinks the Charlton crowd have a "down" on him.

If Watford manager Len Goulden is as keen now to sign O'Linn as he was last season... then next stop Watford for the Springfield.

Newcastle's latest Scottish target is Patrick Thistle's inter-

national right-back Andy Kerr. Kerr was a member of the highly successful Scottish party which toured central Europe in the close season.

What a snappy slice of business was done by Lincoln manager Bill Anderson when he sold and then bought back Andy Granger from Leicester.

Despite gate receipts slumping by £9,000, Lincoln still showed a profit of over £1,000 and cleared off £6,500 owing on mortgages and loans. And five new players were signed, too—London Express Service (copy-right).

What's All This About My Retiring From Test Cricket?

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Asks DENIS COMPTON

What's all this about my retiring from Test cricket? Let me say, here and now, that I intend to go on playing County cricket—and Test cricket as well, if wanted—as long as I can.

That one day's break from fielding in the last Test against South Africa does not mean that my playing days are over.

Frankly, I'm upset at suggestions that a Compton "crisis" has developed because my knee swelled up last Monday week when I was batting at The Oval.

Attempting to turn quickly I wrenched my knee through the spikes in my boots sticking fast in the damp turf.

Fluid gathered that night and the knee became puffed.

As soon as the Test was over I visited a specialist, who removed the fluid, as he has done before, and now the knee is back to normal.

I shall certainly play again this season.

A point I'd like to make is that in all the Test matches in which I have played since I made my English debut in 1937 this is the first time a substitute has been required for me in the field, on account of my knee.

Once or twice in that period I, like almost every other player, have been off the field through finger trouble, but never before has my knee kept me in the dressing-room after I've started playing in a Test.

Surely one day's absence from fielding gives no cause for suggestions that it is "unfair" on the other side for me to play Test cricket.

If I am worth my place, I hope to play against the Australians next summer, and to tour

South Africa the following winter with MCC.

Certainly I am signing on again for Middlesex on a full-time contract.

This winter, however, I intend to do one new thing.

CALIFORNIA GRIP
My specialist has recommended that I wear a caliper grip, flexible at the knee joint, at the back of the right leg to take the weight of the body from the knee in ordinary movements and walking.

Hugo Yamold, the Worcester-shire wicket-keeper who was operated upon for the removal of a knot on two years ago, has used these calipers on his leg with beneficial results for a long time.

The calipers are taken off for cricket and I'm told the effect is that the wearer feels as though he is walking on air.

Look out for Compton with the fair foot!

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Boysen Breaks 1,000 Metres World Record

Stockholm, Aug. 30. The Norwegian runner, Audun Boysen, tonight beat his own world record for 1,000 metres with a time of two minutes 19 seconds. The old record was two mins. 19.5 secs.

Second man in the race was Poul Smith of West Germany in two minutes 22.6 with Roy Gottfridsson of Sweden third in two mins 23.7 secs.

Seven runners took part and Boysen went into the lead just after the 400 metres had been passed. His time for 800 metres was one minute 51 seconds.

CHATAWAY FAILS
Chris Chataway of Britain won the 3,000 Metres event in eight mins 11.6 secs.

His bid for a world record was frustrated by a slow start and he was never in sight of disturbing the seven mins 55.6 seconds by Hungary's Sándor Ithárs which awaits ratification as a world best to displace the seven mins 58.8 seconds by Gaston Reiff of Belgium. —Reuter.

BASEBALL RESULTS

New York, Aug. 30. Major League baseball results today were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE
(Suspended game of July 17)

St. Louis R H E
Pittsburgh 0 4 0
Haddix (11-13) and Sami, Burbrink (8); Foe, Littlefield (9) and Shepard, LP—Foe (4-6).

(First Game) R H E
Cincinnati 0 6 5
New York 6 7 0
Klippstein, Collam (7) and Bunker; Antonelli (11-10), LP—Klippstein (6-8). —United Press.

CRICKET LEAGUE FIXTURES

The Hongkong Cricket League for the coming 1955/56 season will commence on Saturday, October 1, when Kowloon Cricket Club, the First Division Champions, will meet the Royal Navy at Cox's Path.

The Indian RC, who are making a welcome re-appearance in this Division, will clash with the Optimists. In the Second Division, Royal Air Force, the Junior Champions, have been drawn against the Royal Navy.

Following is the full draw for the first round fixtures:

FIRST DIVISION
Oct. 1—Army "North" v. Army "South"; HKCC "Scorp" v. Army "RAF"; IRC v. HKCC "Opt"; KCC v. HKCC "Scorp" (bye); Oct. 2—Army "South" v. Army "North"; HKCC "Opt" v. Army "RAF"; KCC v. HKCC "Scorp" (bye); Oct. 3—Army "North" v. Army "South"; HKCC "Scorp" v. Army "RAF"; IRC v. HKCC "Opt"; KCC v. HKCC "Scorp" (bye); Oct. 4—Army "South" v. Army "North"; HKCC "Opt" v. Army "RAF"; KCC v. HKCC "Scorp" (bye); Oct. 5—Army "North" v. Army "South"; HKCC "Scorp" v. Army "RAF"; IRC v. HKCC "Opt"; KCC v. HKCC "Scorp" (bye); Oct. 6—Army "South" v. Army "North"; HKCC "Opt" v. Army "RAF"; KCC v. HKCC "Scorp" (bye); Oct. 7—Army "North" v. Army "South"; HKCC "Scorp" v. Army "RAF"; IRC v. HKCC "Opt"; KCC v. HKCC "Scorp" (bye); Oct. 8—Army "South" v. Army "North"; HKCC "Opt" v. Army "RAF"; KCC v. HKCC "Scorp" (bye); Oct. 9—Army "North" v. Army "South"; HKCC "Scorp" v. Army "RAF"; IRC v. HKCC "Opt"; KCC v. HKCC "Scorp" (bye); Oct. 10—Army "South" v. Army "North"; HKCC "Opt" v. Army "RAF"; KCC v. 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Chelsea Will Not Give Up Their First Division Title Without A Battle

London, Aug. 30. Chelsea know it's tough at the top. They found out the hard way. But after 50 years of glorious and inglorious soccer they captured the coveted title of football Champions of England.

This season they will learn it's even tougher staying at the top. But the League Champions will not surrender their title without a battle.

Dismissing that shock 2-0 home defeat by Bolton on the first day of the new season. Forget that Chelsea played more like a bunch of fumbling, stumbling novices than the team that lifted the Blue Riband of English soccer last season. Champions Chelsea are at the top—and they mean to stay there.

Manager Ted Drake relied on his League-winning side for the Bolton game. The players who stayed the pace so well last season had earned the right to launch Chelsea into their first Championship year. But Drake is building all the time.

If last season's stalwarts fail to show, there are a number of talented young players ready, willing and able to step into their senior colleagues' Division I boots.

TEAM STRENGTH

Manager Drake has not been resting on his hard-won Championship laurels. During the close season he has followed a policy

of duplicating his first team positions, and there have been a number of notable additions to his reserve team strength.

Brian Nicholas, former school-boy and youth international right half from Third Division Queens Park Rangers, and Bill Livingston, tall, black-haired Scottish centre half from Reading, another Third Division side, figure high among Drake's important summer signings.

Both showed up well in Chelsea's trial matches, and despite a 6-1 drubbing by the first team in the final trial, Drake is confident that his reserves are sufficiently talented in most positions to take the plunge into Division I football.

He is not, however, anticipating any of his youngsters getting an immediate place to the exclusion of the usual first team men. "I don't think last season's boys will let them get in," he says.

Chelsea lost that old Championship sparkle against Bolton,

but they will come again. Live-wire Eric Parsons and thoughtful shadow-man Johnny McNichol at inside-right form one of soccer's most dangerous wing pairs, and with roaming Roy Bentley spearheading the attack, Chelsea will soon be back on the goal standard.

Bishop Auckland amateur Seamus O'Connell and England star Frank Blunstone, complete a forward line that managed to punch holes in most Division I defences last season.

AMATEUR STATUS Blunstone should soon regain the form that put him on England's left wing now he has completed his army service, and O'Connell, though retaining his amateur status, has decided to devote his considerable talent solely to the London club.

The match most eagerly awaited by Chelsea fans this season is the FA Charity Shield match clash with FA Cup winners, Newcastle, at Stamford Bridge on September 14.

By that time Chelsea should have settled down to a high-table position, and given some indication of their chances this season.

"Everybody says it will be tougher, trying to keep on top," says manager Drake. "But it can hardly be tougher than it was getting away from the bottom."

And Chelsea know it's really tough down there—China Mail Special.

Now Test Matches With The Russians?

By DESMOND HACKETT

And now comes the possibility of Test matches with Russia.

For the Russians want to take up cricket, they say in the latest edition of their magazine Soviet Sport.

They particularly want two English teams to go to Moscow to show off "this supreme English sport."

The magazine says: "If any nation can be held by one game such as the British Test matches of cricket then this must be a sport of high importance. We in Russia would like to see such a game."

And Viscount Cobham, 40-year-old president of the MCC said: "We of the MCC are willing to play cricket with anyone in the world."

KREMLIN Soviet Sport says that friendships are made through international sport and the magazine appeals to England to demonstrate cricket (and Rugby) over there.

The Russians hope to see our cricket and Rugby next June when England will, anyway, send a Soccer team for the opening of the new Moscow sports island three miles from the Kremlin.

The magazine says that if English cricket and Rugby teams go to Moscow then the Russians will follow with invitational sportsmen and women from the Commonwealth.

Viscount Cobham, who is also a former Worcestershire cricket captain, said on holiday at Colinton Raleigh, Devon: "This Russian invitation is quite new to me. But we would be delighted to play the Russians."

AMERICANS TOO? "Nothing but good could come of such a visit."

"I do not think I should be likely to go to Moscow myself because of the basic idea they would have to learn to play, and I am sure they would be terribly good."

"It would be grand if the Americans took it up too. Then we would not have to worry so much about the Australians and the South Africans."

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HOME RUGGER

London, Aug. 30.

Rugby League results: Dewsbury 12 Warrington 4; Doncaster 12 Batley 4; Rochdale 12 Oldham 4.

—Reuters.

SOUTH-EAST ASIA BOXING TOURNAMENT

Singapore, Aug. 30.

Burma scored four points to lead in the team standings at the end of the first night's events of the first South-east Asia Boxing Championships on Monday night.

The Philippines was a close second with three points followed by Ceylon with two. Singapore and Australia each had a point.

Although Hongkong won no points in the lightweight, J. R. Jones, provided the best fight when he gamely fought the Filipino Aslan Games Champion, Colodono Espinosa. Espinosa won by only a slight margin.

Australia's welterweight, Les Harrod, protested when the referee stopped his fight with Burma's S. Majid in the third round after Harrod suffered a slight cut over his left eye.

United Press.



The occupant of the spot of honour this week is at the moment in Singapore but by his recent display of honest sportsmanship he makes himself as worthy to top the Sports Parade as any in the long list of his predecessors.

In the opening rounds of the South East Asian Boxing Championships on Monday FARELF Champion Jones, fighting in Hongkong colours, was beaten by Asian Games Champion C. Espinosa from Manila. Behind his actual appearance in the ring, however, there is a pleasant and reassuring story of genuine sportsmanship by the boxer, and of helpful co-operation by his Commanding Officer.

The story really starts when Henry Wong scored the narrowest of victories over Jones in the 1955 Colony Championships. So close was the contest that it is still argued among knowledgeable boxing folk who watched it, but let it be said there was never a word of complaint from Jones himself.

When the Singapore authorities suggested the current Championships, Jones was among the men selected to undergo preliminary training but eventually he was edged out of the final selection by a very much-in-form Henry Wong. Again there was no complaint from Jones although he must have been as keen as any other in the team to make the trip.

VACANT BERTH

Almost at the last minute Henry Wong together with the other Chinese boxers withdrew from the team and an approach was made to Jones to take over the vacant Lightweight berth in the Colony line-up. Jones said that provided permission could be obtained for him to travel he would be glad to do whatever he could to help.

His Commanding Officer was most helpful and co-operative—a fact that is much appreciated by the officials of the Hongkong ABA—and Jones was once again an established member of the team. It looked as though everything was in order but a late breakdown in transport arrangements upset the plans and it looked as though Jones would after all miss his trip to Singapore.

But the Hon. Secy. of the HKABA who had been much impressed with Jones' co-operation still made every effort to get him to Malaya in time for his contest. Almost at the eleventh hour this was achieved and, although Jones was beaten, his willingness to travel and his readiness to fight has made a big impression on those who did so much of the work behind the scenes in getting even the defeated Hongkong team into the ring in Singapore.

I think this is an excellent example of the old axiom that they will remember he fought long after they have forgotten whether he won or lost.

HOCKEY TRIALS Players may come and players may go... but the game is greater than personalities and still goes on. This afternoon the officials of the Army (HK) Hockey Association stage the first of a series of trial games at Sookunpo and eager eyes will be scanning the field looking for a few budding Malcolm Peeters.

Some forty names have been received and it is known that among them there are several very good players. Today's games will involve players who are stationed in Hongkong and Kowloon and it is anticipated that several of those taking part may be in the final selections.

Another series of trials will be held at the same venue next Wednesday, Sept. 7, for those players who are stationed in the New Territories and they should again provide some lively competition for places in the Army teams.

A third series will be held again at Sookunpo—on Wednesday, September 14, when nominated players will be taking part. This game will give the selectors a pretty good idea of the potential strength at their disposal for the strenuous League games that lie ahead.

All three games will start at 3 o'clock and players are asked to be at the ground at least 30 minutes before kick-off.

MOTOR CYCLE TRIAL Last week I gave you some early notice of the forthcoming Hongkong and Kowloon Garrison Motor Cycle Trial. This popular event will take place on Wednesday, September 14, and is certain to attract a big entry.

The start and finish of the Trial will be at Sai Kung, and the organisers are planning a run of some 20 miles over track and cross-country.

With their usual ingenuity they are also selecting 20 hazards and that means that they will set a real challenge to the skill of the competitors in the year.

AROUND HOLLYWOOD

MOVIE MOGULS ARE A POWERFUL BREED OF MEN

Says MICHAEL RUDDY

Beverly Hills.

Movie moguls are a powerful breed of men. They press buttons and a score of vassals jump. But over the whimsies of fate and the vagaries of fortune, they can do little, except try to cover themselves with a Lloyd's insurance policy. Example: Lana Turner was to have begun work with Richard Burton, Fred MacMurray, Michael Rennie and Co. in "The Rains of Ranchipur."

On her last day in Acapulco, on holiday, she slipped in the bathtub, fell on her back and head and suffered a brain concussion, her husband, Lex Barker, told me. "She's got to stay in bed at home for a fortnight," he said. "Rest and quiet. And I suppose they'll have to shoot around her."

I watched director Jean Negulesco plan a scene with Fred MacMurray and Joan Caulfield. The scene was in his bedroom in the Grand Hotel, Lahore. Fans whirled. Ice tinkled in a long glass as the players' hot, on edge in steamy 'hol', sized up each other.

In the Cafe de Paris, over coffee, MacMurray talked about his farm near San Francisco. "I've sold all my Durhams and we now have 400 head of pedigree Angus. We breed," said the actor-farmer, "We don't try to compete in the meat market. But I've been thinking of getting some Highland cattle for meat. Jimmy Cagney told me about them. He has inspected a herd in Pennsylvania." MacMurray smiled. "Only two I've seen out here worked in 'Brigadoon'."

SUSPENSE THRILLER At the next table was novelist Nigel Balchin, writing the screen play of a new suspense thriller. (He scripted "The Man Who Never Was", which stars my neighbour, Clifton Webb.)

"I don't really like writing," he says, "but I dislike it slightly less than not writing." To me this is a cheerful attitude for a man being paid £120 a week. Mr. Balchin mentioned that he also has a special job with Rowntree's, the chocolate people. "It's rather hard to define. I'm a consultant for them, on the management level, y'know," he said. After thought: "I suppose the only really distinguished thing about me is that I sang in the Peterhouse chorals with James Mason. And very good he was too."

Very loyal indeed is he to the iconoclastic actor-writer-director-producer husband of Pamela Ooster Mazon. "He's rather shy and very sensitive," says Brigadier Balchin.

I have heard James Mason otherwise described in Hollywood...

SOCCER TRIALS Around this time every year folks in the Colony—both in and out of the Services—begin to ask questions about the possible strength of the Army football team. The Army has a special place in Hongkong football and there is always a general keenness to see them strongly represented.

Several trial matches have now been held. Many good players have been seen and duly noted by the officials. Several other promising players who arrived in the Colony recently have still to be given a run out. With this very object in view another trial is being staged at Sookunpo this afternoon when most of the possibilities for the coming season will be in action.

It is still too early to guess at the eventual line-up but enough has been seen in the trial games to suggest who were on the side at the end of last season are going to be hard pushed to retain their places.

FIRST APPEARANCE Particular interest in the game this afternoon will be centred on the first appearance of three players from 1st Bn. King's Own Royal Regiment. The players, Egerton (Belton), Wanders, and White (Barnley) and McLoughlin (Clary) arrived on the last troopship and have had very little chance to get into top condition, but judging by comment in UK newspapers they should be of the greatest value to the team in the months ahead.

Army football fans will remember that on the eve of last season the same regiment provided Robson, Walmsley and Wallace, who all won Colony honours, and no doubt they will be hoping that the new trio will play the same attractive and progressive football.

One reassuring feature of the trials so far has been the obvious good form of Lewis, now completely recovered from the injury that kept him out of the Senior Shield Final at the back end of last season. Crompton, the team captain, and Morris whose grand play gained him a very high placing in the Footballer of the Year Poll. These three have shown that they are fighting fit and raring to go.

When the series of trial games is complete the players selected as possible for the senior team will be brought together for a two-week concentrated training spell at Sookunpo. A group of first-class advisers will be on hand to assist the players in their efforts to get fully fit and moulded in for the senior team.

And I am told that even those players who have previously attended this pre-season training are going to find things a bit different and certainly more strenuous than they were in the past.

"The Last Hunt," had to be replaced last week by Debra Paget who will play the buffalo hunters. Annie came to the studio, tried to do close-ups, but was in so much pain that she had to be sent home.

"We moved into our new house in Bel Air yesterday," Vic Damone told me. (Mrs. Damone is Pier Angeli). "We have four large bedrooms, one for Pier and me, one for the nursery, one for the maid, and the other will be my office and library." Resting under doctors' orders, Pier looks very well. They hope for a son.

COMPROMISE It looks like a victory for Marilyn Monroe in her battle with her bosses over rights for an independent film for her own company, M.M. Incorporated.

"The Seven Year Itch" is kicking the customers. Cinema owners demand more Monroe movies — and "right quick-o" — so there will be a compromise and Marilyn will become a wealthy young woman before she's 30.

Hollywood's most travelled star, Ann Miller, will co-star with Doris Day and Howard Keel in the musical comedy, "The Opposite Sex."

"But I don't want to discuss my private life—and I WON'T!" Which seems to be the final word from Miss Kelly. And Mr. Aumont? "I hope to see her every day while I am here. I don't care to see any other girl at the moment."

Hardly gallant. But he's a rearing Frenchman. Likes publicity, and apparently Miss Kelly doesn't.

THE ANGELAS BEAT Miss Angela Mortimer and Miss Angela Buxton (Britain) beat Miss Shirley Fry and Miss Doris Hart (U.S.) 4-6 6-4 6-2 in the Doubles final of the Essex Country Club's Women's Lawn Tennis Tournament here today.

Miss Fry beat Miss Hart 7-5 3-6 6-2 in the Singles final. — Reuters.

WESTERN FOR BRANDO A Western for Marlon Brando? That's what he says he'd like to do next year for his own company, Pennybaker Productions. But he refuses to discuss his engagement or marriage to the French girl, waiting for him in New York.

Finishing in "Guys and Dolls," Marlon and his father flew to Nebraska to look at their cattle, then he returned to Hollywood for conferences with producer Jack Cummings on "Tehouse of the August Moon." As for Jean Simmons, she'll relax at home for a fortnight, then join husband Stewart Granger on location with "The Last Hunt."

Susan Hayward says only "I'm glad to be at work" on the set of "I'll Cry Tomorrow" at M-G-M where she's playing the role of Lillian Roth, the singer who became an alcoholic, tried suicide, then reformed. But Jess Barker, Susan's ex-husband, is still battling for the custody of his twin sons, and a better deal on community property.

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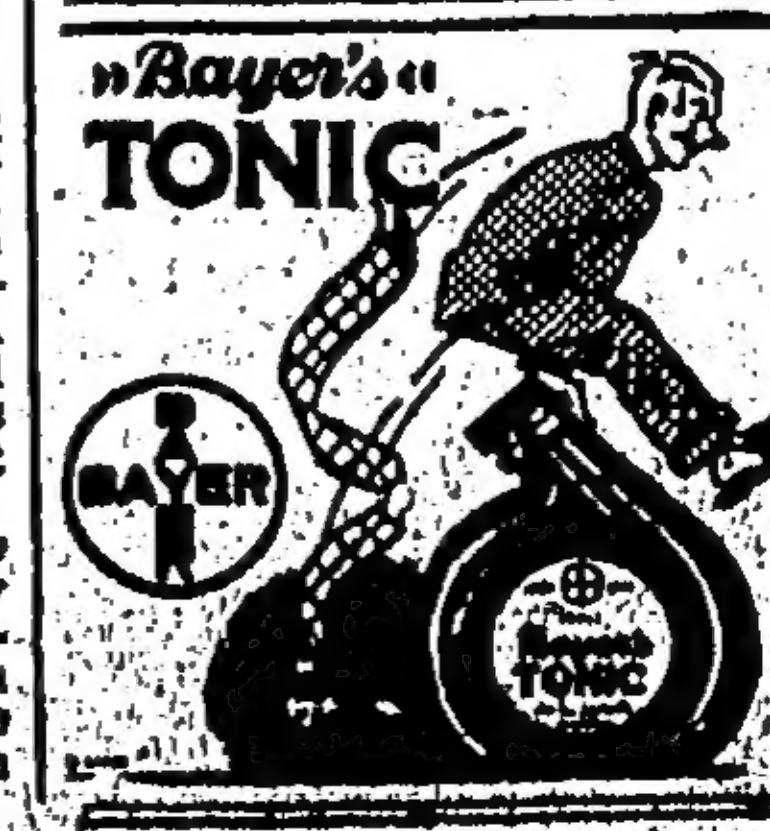
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gation as a Corporation Sole
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The text in full of the pro-
posed Bill will be published
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PLANS FOR BRIDGE TO LINK ITALY AND SICILY

Messina, Aug. 30.

Surveys have begun for siting a suspension bridge which will link the island of Sicily with the Italian mainland across the tempestuous Straits of Messina.

Four geologists have arrived here to sound the narrow waterway, testing the seabed into which two massive pillars will be driven to support the 1,524-metre (5,000-foot) central span of the planned double-decker bridge.

A blueprint of the bridge is prepared. Finance for the building is reported to be available. All that remains is to select the exact site and decide upon the technical method to be adopted for sinking the centre piles.

For centuries, inhabitants of Italy and Sicily have been plagued by the problem of the turbulent strip of sea dividing the Calabrian cliff cave of the legendary six-headed Scylla, a sailor-eating monster trans-
formed by the enchantress Circe, and the dreaded whirlpool of Charybdis.

Too Costly

Ulysses, while anxiously navigating between the twin perils, was troubled by it. Legends has it that Saint Francis of Paola, in the 15th century, walked across the waves from shore to shore. But his miraculous feat gave no help in solving the problems of transport and communications between Italy and Sicily.

When Italy was unified in the last century, the problems became more pressing. An engineer, commissioned in 1860 to weigh possibilities, reported that a bridge would be too costly.

Five more projects emerged between 1870 and World War II, the first of them visualising a railway tunnel 100 metres (500 feet) under the seabed.

Finally, in postwar years, replacement of the slow, expensive ferryboat link by a bridge across the Straits became urgent.

The development of the Sicilian oil industry and the expansion of rail and road communications on both sides of the channel caused a bottleneck which became worse year by year.

Achievements

A plan for a massive steel suspension bridge to span the three-kilometre (two-mile) wide Strait was put forward by 69-year-old bridge engineer, Mr. David Steinman, of New York, who planned and built the bridge spanning Golden Gate Bay at San Francisco, the George Washington and Steel Gate bridges of New York, Sydney Harbour suspension bridge, the Michigan bridge, and a host of others.

But the Messina Straits bridge, he says, will excel them all and add that it will be "the strongest, most stable and most beautiful steel suspension bridge the world has ever seen."

With clean, symmetrical curves it will be 3,300 metres (10,824 feet) long with five bays, the main centre span flanked by two intermediate spans of 723 metres (2,400 feet), and two outer spans of 150 metres (512 feet).

Two gigantic piles, each about 120 metres (394 feet) deep, will buttress the long middle span. It will be 29 metres (95 feet) wide. The lower level of the double-decker bridge will be 60 metres (213 feet) above sea level, giving the biggest liners ample clearance.

Mr. Steinman has designed the higher level for road traffic, with two three-track channels, and the lower for trains. The double level gives greater crosswise rigidity.

In his survey, the American designer provided for protection against earthquakes, cracks in the underwater strata, and the heavy currents of the treacherous channel.

Not Contractor

While emphasising that he is not the bridge's contractor, Mr. Steinman has stated that a group of international bankers in New York is interested in the project which can be financed by interest-bearing bond issues in the normal way.

His estimate of the total cost is 150,000,000 dollars (\$23,900,000 sterling), and he says that after about 30 years the bridge can be handed over to the Italian Government.

Some 25,000 Italian workmen will be employed full time for the six or eight years needed to build the bridge. Work will be under the supervision of Italian engineers, the designer says.

The Sicilian regional government is financing the present geophysical surveys and the project has been accepted in principle. No date has yet been set for starting work, however.

One first link between Sicily and Calabria is already on the way. By the new year, over 100 power cables carrying electricity from the mainland mountains to Sicily's industries will be strung across the Straits.

—China Mail Special.

RANK PROFIT RECORD

London, Aug. 30.
Mr. J. Arthur Rank's Odeon Theatres Limited, the biggest single unit in the British film industry, today declared record profits of £8,727,035 for the year ended last June.

Profits for the previous year was £7,704,084.

The company has been steadily increasing its profits since 1949 when they fell to a postwar low of £1,587,356.

After paying tax and other charges the net profit was £1,582,904 against £1,383,222 the year before.

—China Mail Special.

Islam Movement Reception



The head of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Hazrat Mahmud Ahmad, at the London Grosvenor Hotel reception given in his honour by the Ahmadiyya community of Great Britain.—Express Photo.

9 MAU MAU KILLED

Nairobi, Aug. 30.
Police killed nine out of a gang of 11 Mau Mau terrorists in Kenya's White Highlands last night, a Government spokesman said today.—Reuter.

French Tourists

Moscow, Aug. 30.
The first mass group of French tourists to Russia since World War II arrived here by train from Leningrad today.

The 78 tourists were a part of a boatload of 780 French men and 93 women who are visiting Germany at present. The rest remained in Leningrad.—United Press.

Mail Notices

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Philippines, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 8 p.m.

May Free War Criminals

Tokyo, Aug. 31.
A Kyoto news agency said that Communist China was likely "to take measures shortly for the release of Japanese war criminals."

Kyoto, Japan's national news agency, reported that Madame Li Teh-chun, President of the Communist Chinese Red Cross, yesterday told visiting Japanese Diet members that she believed there was "good news" ahead for the Japanese war criminals. Her "good news" remark followed a statement by Prime Minister Chou En-lai on Monday to Japanese Diet members that his government was "hesitating preparations" for a decision on this issue.—Reuter.

South African By-Election Opposition Party Rift Over Coloured Voters

Johannesburg, Aug. 30.

South Africa's United Party opposition will face a crucial test for its future on September 14 when a by-election is fought here over the party's policy towards coloured voters of mixed blood.

The by-election has been precipitated by a former member of the United Party who has turned independent to challenge the party's leadership because it failed to give an outright pledge to restore coloured voters to common electoral rolls if they are removed by the present Nationalist Government.

By "packing" the Senate with pro-Government supporters, the Nationalists hope to have a sufficient two-thirds majority in next year's session of the South African Parliament to pass disputed constitutional legislation placing the so-called coloured voters on separate voting rolls.

United Party policy has always been to resist this change in the franchise rights of the coloured people who have traditionally voted with white people, since they were accepted as part of the early settlement of Cape Province in the south, where about 1,000,000 of them now live.

Restoration

But during the last session of Parliament, the leader of the United Party, Mr. Jacobus Strauss, evaded a flat promise to restore the coloured voters to common rolls if and when the Opposition regain power, arguing that it was premature to say exactly what could be done about it now.

"At the moment," he said in a statement issued for seven dissentient party members who demanded a "restoration" pledge, "it is not easy to see a clear path through the legislative jungle created by the Government's measures tampering with the Constitution."

"All we can promise is that on our return to power we shall in consultation with the coloured people set right the grave injustice done to them in the best way open to us at that time and in a form which will serve the best interests of South Africa as a whole."

Six of the seven members of the Party's so-called Liberal wing who had originally challenged Mr. Strauss's policy on the issue accepted this explanation. The seventh, 50-year-old Dr. Bernard Friedman, a surgeon turned politician, would not.

Dr. Friedman who sat in Parliament as United Party member for the heavily-populated Johannesburg district of Hillbrow, a constituency of skyscraper blocks of flats (apartment houses), publicly declared that he felt the only possible answer to "such a fundamental question of 'principle' was a 'clear and unequivocal yes'."

He said that he considered that Mr. Strauss's "non-committal" statement meant that the United Party, if it deemed it expedient, would acquiesce in the removal of coloured voters from the common rolls.

This defiance of party leadership led to Dr. Friedman's expulsion from the United Party. Meanwhile, he had resigned his seat in Parliament to fight the issue as an independent in his old constituency.

Sides Taken

Hillbrow's by-election is a considerable embarrassment to the United Party which is thus forced to fight a party dispute in public. The party leaders deplore it because personal prestige is at stake while the anti-Government English-language press which believes that an united front should be maintained, at all costs, as the best means of dislodging the Afrikaner Nationalists from power, regret it.

Sides are being taken within the party over the issue. Many United Party supporters of liberal tendencies sympathise with Dr. Friedman's cause. Some have resigned party posts or membership to support it.

The section reflects one feeling in South Africa that an Opposition, to be successful, must really oppose and not compromise on the country's vital colour issues. Others find the attitude of Mr. Strauss reasonable and practical in the circumstances.

Hillbrow voters, normally loyal to the United Party which considers the constituency a "safe" seat, are faced now with a choice between their able member, a clever speaker, who has served them successfully for the last 12 years, and the United Party itself.

Cynics say that the only people who can benefit from this political rift is the governing Nationalist Party who exploited the United Party's discomfort when the issue arose in Parliament and now contemplate "the forthcoming by-election with some relief."

No one is certain of the outcome of the voting, but the Nationalists believe that they cannot lose.

United Party leaders were widely long finding a candidate who had the prestige and was willing to fight for Dr. Friedman, who is considered popular in a constituency notable for its strong Jewish element.

Several possible candidates were reported to have been approached unsuccessfully for the official nomination. It was announced that a 38-year-old Senator for Natal Province, Dr. Louis Stoenkamp, had accepted.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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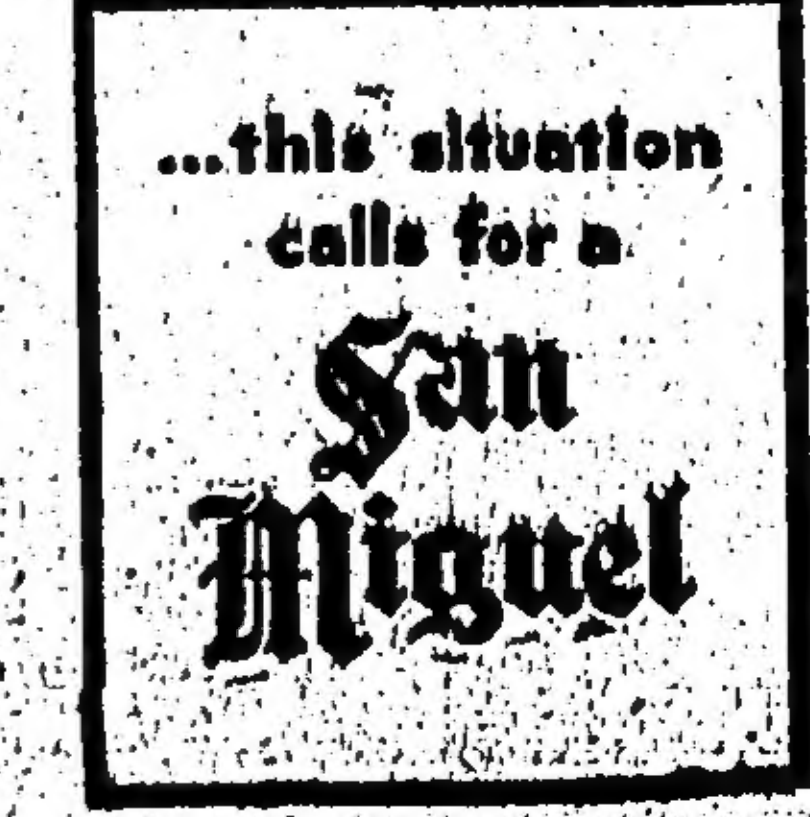
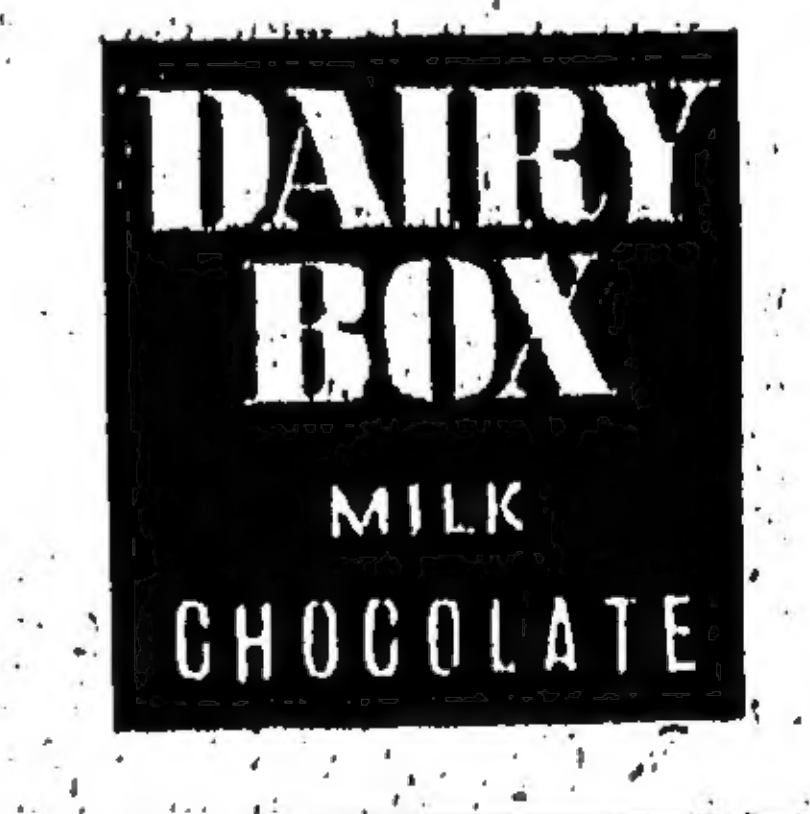
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By Ernie Bushmiller



JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done in the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$740,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

BANKS
HSBC Bank 1720 1740
Underwriters 1010 1015

DOCKS, ETC.
K. Wharf 79 79 1/2
Docks 28 28 1/2
Provident (S) 15 15 1/2
Wheelock 0 40 5 5 1/2

LAND, ETC.
HSBC Hotel 10 10 1/2
The Land 73 73 1/2
Roughly (N) 10 10 1/2

RUBBER
A. Rubber 2 10 2 15
Trust 3 10 3 15

UTILITIES
Star Ferry 110 110 1/2
Yamnat Ferry 110 110 1/2
C. Light (S) 22 22 1/2

C. Light (N) 17 17 1/2
Macao Elec 11 11 1/2
Telephone 33 33 1/2

INDUSTRIALS
Cement 33 33 1/2
Nanyang 34 34 1/2
Daily 22 22 1/2

WATSON
COTTONS
Nanyang 34 34 1/2
Nanyang 34 34 1/2
Miscellaneous 34 34 1/2

YANGTZE
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US Imports & Exports

Washington, Aug. 30.
United States imports from Japan in June increased slightly from May, but imports from most of the other Asiatic countries were moderately lower, according to Commerce Department statistics released today.

Exports to Asiatic countries in June were in most cases smaller than in May. General imports from all Asiatic countries in June were valued at \$174,500,000 compared to \$174,000,000 in May, and \$141,000,000 in June, 1954. United States exports to all Asiatic countries were \$102,300,000 compared to \$177,400,000 in May and \$103,400,000 in June, 1954.

United States imports from Japan in June were \$340,000,000 against \$333,000,000 in the previous month and \$237,000,000 in June, 1954. Exports to Japan in June were \$44,800,000 against \$51,800,000 in the previous month and \$50,000,000 in June, 1954.

United States imports from other Asiatic countries in June compared to May were:

From	Against
Pakistan	\$2,000,000
British Malaya	\$2,300,000
Indonesia	\$1,300,000
The Philippines	\$1,300,000
South Korea	\$1,300,000
Hongkong	\$1,300,000
India	\$1,300,000

United States exports to the same countries in June compared to May were:

To	Against
India	\$1,500,000
Pakistan	\$1,500,000
British Malaya	\$1,500,000
Indonesia	\$1,500,000
The Philippines	\$1,500,000
South Korea	\$1,500,000
Hongkong	\$1,500,000

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Aug. 31.
Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Opening	Closing
Batu Lintang Rubber Co.	\$1.57
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate	43 1/2
Consolidated Tin Smelters	29 1/2
Fraser & Neave Ltd	\$1.70
Fraser & Neave Ltd 7 1/2	\$1.70
Cum. pref.	\$0.40
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	\$0.10
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. 7 1/2	\$0.10
Kampong Rubber Estate Ltd.	\$2.25
Malayan Breweries Ltd.	\$3.35
New Serangoon Rubber Co.	\$1.00
Lid.	\$1.00
Petaling Tin Ltd.	\$4.47
Raffles Hotel	\$2.35
Singapore Cold Storage Co.	\$1.00
South British Insurance Co.	\$2.00
Strait Trading	\$2.25
Strait Steamship	\$1.00
United Engineers Ltd.	\$2.75
Wearne Bros.	\$1.00

RUNAWAY INFLATION BEDEVILING

World Cotton Markets

New York, Aug. 30.
Cotton futures today sawed narrowly in a quiet dealing as prices responded on small orders either way.

After a steady start, hedge selling and liquidation lowered nearby positions, but the decline met trade support around the 33.60 cent level for December. Far forward positions were relatively inactive.

Closing on a reaction the list finished not unchanged to 11 points lower. Opening prices were up 3 to 4 points. New Orleans closed off 1 to 2 points. Month-end textile mill buying and shipping covering against export commitments to Formosa and Korea centered in the December delivery. Traders estimated around the resistance point.

New speculative interest marked time. Traders transferred attention to securities and other outside commodities while they waited for fresh incentives in the cotton picture.

With the market entering the harvesting period, traders waited to see whether hedge selling would expand or whether farmers would impound under the loan programme.

The Government weekly crop summary was mixed. Heavy showers were detrimental for about two days in south Atlantic, middle and east Gulf coastal sections and in eastern parts of Texas and Oklahoma.

Otherwise, mostly hot, dry sunny weather over the main belt favoured crop development and checked insect activity. Texas reported harvesting almost finished in the lower Rio Grande valley, Arizona and New Mexico reported better progress.

Cotton generally progressed satisfactorily in California. Trading volume and open interest in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
Dec.	29,000	702,500
Mar.	7,900	342,500
May	7,900	342,500
Jul.	3,900	129,200
Oct.	3,900	129,200
Dec.	3,900	129,200
Total	50,600	2,159,100

NEW YORK
Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50
33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50
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NEW ORLEANS
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LIVERPOOL
Future closings, American middling, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Oct/Nov	Nov/Dec	Dec/Jan
31.41	31.41	31.41
31.41	31.41	31.41
31.41	31.41	31.41
31.41	31.41	31.41
31.41	31.41	31.41

SAO PAULO
Futures closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
32.00	32.00	32.00
32.00	32.00	32.00
32.00	32.00	32.00
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32.00	32.00	32.00

In the United States, the average price of 15/16 middling at 14 designated spot markets was 33.47 cents, sales at these markets totaled 32,267 bales.

United Press.

London Stock Market

London, Aug. 30.
British Government bonds led the London stock market down sharply today.

Stocks were heavily sold on the belief the bank rate will be jacked up on Thursday. War Loans were hard hit, losing 20s. Old Consols, Dalton and others off 15s.

Stocks also felt the sting of the selling wave. Blue chip issues were off 1 to 2 shillings, most closing at the day's lows.

Oil shares lost 2 to 3 shillings with the exception of Royal Dutch which countered the trend with a rise of 1/2. Gold shares were quiet. Coppers moved irregularly.

Foreign bonds also ran into selling and Germans tumbled 1 1/2 and some Japanese fell as much as £2.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unconverted exchange market this morning at the following rates:

Unit	Rate
U.S. dollar (per \$1)	6.80
Sterling notes (per £1)	12.40
Australian notes (per £1)	12.00
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	12.50
Siam baht (per 100)	24.00
Singapore (Straits)	1.00
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	6.81

PARTS OF WORLD

Twinges Of Alarm Felt In America

New York, Aug. 30.
Harsh winds of inflation are blowing around the world, whirling prices to fantastic heights in some countries—and causing the first twinges of alarm in the United States.

So far the inflationary lash has virtually by-passed this country in comparison with the havoc inflicted on other lands.

In Chile, where the cost of living has skyrocketed 70 per cent in the last year, some workers have to work 25 days to buy a pair of shoes and nearly an hour to buy a single egg. In Bolivia, the cost of living has soared to 12 times what it was in 1948. And in South Korea—a worst hit spot in the known global inflationary picture—it costs 103 times as much to live today as it did seven years ago.

Inflation figures for Iron Curtain countries are not available, but Soviet Russia's policy of concentrating on the production of war-potential "hard goods" inevitably means a growing shortage of the normal necessities and luxuries of life—the so-called "soft goods"—and such shortages in turn lead to rising prices.

boost their living standards almost overnight. Overly ambitious, they have been borrowing money even before the wheels of new production start turning. The result in many cases has been soaring wages and government presses working round-the-clock to print cheap money that only makes prices rise higher than ever.—Associated Press.

NEW YORK
Futures today closed 25 to 45 points lower with sales of 108 contracts.

Intra-dealer switching operations dominated the less active terminal market today. May-Dec. contracts were exchanged at 250 points and Dec.-Sept. at 50 points. In addition, September and December contracts were exchanged for physical rubber.

The spot market ruled dull with No. 1 RSS quoted nominally 45 1/2 cents a pound.

Futures:

Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
46.20	46.20	46.20	46.20
46.20	46.20	46.20	46.20
46.20	46.20	46.20	46.20
46.20	46.20	46.20	46.20
46.20	46.20	46.20	46.20

AMSTERDAM
The market was dull. Prices today closed in guilders per kilogramme, Sept. as follows:

No. 1 rubber	No. 2 rubber	No. 3 rubber	No. 1 crepe
2.95 nom.	2.95 nom.	2.95 nom.	2.95 nom.
2.95 nom.	2.95 nom.	2.95 nom.	2.95 nom.
2.95 nom.	2.95 nom.	2.95 nom.	2.95 nom.
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Cotton Consumption Increases

Washington, Aug. 30.
The Agriculture Marketing Service of the Agriculture Department said today that the total cotton consumption outside the United States has increased in every part of the world and if the trend continues it will favour larger United States cotton exports.

Foreign (non-US) consumption in 1955-56 may exceed the 26,600,000 bales of 1954-55 it said. The Department's cotton situation survey noted, however, that foreign cotton acreage in 1955 may be up by 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 acres from the 80,400,000 acres of 1954. This would mean increase in production by as much as 1,000,000 bales. Such increase would be disadvantageous to United States exports.

The cotton situation survey was rather vague about prospects for United States exports in the coming season. It repeated Secretary Mr. Benson's announcement of August 12 that no basic change in US cotton export policy is in prospect for the 1955-56 season, but that after January 1, 1956, the Commodity Credit Corporation may gradually offer for export sales not more than 1,000,000 bales of low quality short staple cotton from its inventory on an open competitive bid basis.

The Department commented "although no shipments of cotton under the US export programme for special qualities of cotton can be made until 1956, the removal of some of the uncertainty concerning US cotton export policy may induce a somewhat higher rate of exports in subsequent months than has prevailed in the recent past."

1947 Peak
In 1954 such exports were equivalent to 642,000 bales of cotton, or 6.4 per cent of the total consumption of raw cotton in United States mills.

United States imports of cotton products have increased each year since 1947, when they were equivalent to only 10,000 bales of raw cotton annually.

During the 1954-55 fiscal year the United States Government used \$20,000,000 to finance the export of about 1,600,000 bales of cotton. As of August 19, 1955, about \$21,000,000 had been authorised or agreements concluded for use in 1955-56 season. This could finance about 1,700,000 bales at present prices.

On August 1, 1955, the official Commodity Credit Corporation agency's cotton stocks were reported at 1,124,000 bales compared to 7,036,000 bales one year earlier.—United Press.

CARRYOVER
The Agriculture Department said that present indications are for United States domestic mill consumption of somewhat over 9,000,000 bales and United States exports probably in excess of 600,000 bales during the 1955-56 season.

The Department said that disappearance (consumption plus exports) of cotton in August 1, 1955, will total slightly below the 11,000,000 bales carryover on August 1, 1955, the survey said.

The carryover has increased each year since August, 1951, when it totalled 2,300,000 bales. The Agriculture Department also analyzed United States exports and imports of cotton products.

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Lennox-Boyd's Tour Lauded By Times

London, Aug. 31.
The Times today congratulated the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, on the results of his recent tour of Hongkong and other British territories in the Far East.

This independent newspaper said: "He has not solved all the problems; but his manner and his patient approach have ensured that the further discussions to be held in London next year are not an attempt to shelve or divert the feelings which have erupted in these British possessions."

"Yet surveying the agreeable outcome of Mr Lennox-Boyd's visit, one cannot but point to the long-term problems arising within the last decade. And more important to the countries adjoining Malaysia, hanging indeed like a black cloth to Mr Lennox-Boyd's tour, is the policy and power of China. In Hongkong the immediate issue is the trade embargo,

OVERSEAS CHINESE

"Mr Chou En-lai has justifiably said that the overseas Chinese are a problem his China has inherited. The solution thus far adopted by Peking in its treaty with Indonesia provides for the choice by overseas Chinese either of Indonesian nationality and political rights or retention of Chinese nationality and the forfeiting of such rights."

"This policy has assumed that the Chinese are a minority in otherwise developed nation states."

"In Singapore they are a majority and in the Federation, with close on 40 per cent of the population, they can hardly be treated as a minority. Yet clearly they must choose there too between belonging as citizens or belonging abroad."

"The emergency in the Federation, and much of the recent turbulence in Singapore reflect the latent conflict between those nurtured in the British democratic progress and those whose political thinking is wholly different and carries with it the ideological overtones of the new China."

"It will not be resolved until Peking declares its policy towards the Chinese in Malaysia. Only then can the foundations of self-government be secured."

—Reuter.

JAPAN MAKES CONCESSION

Our Own Correspondent

London, Aug. 30.
Mr A. E. Percival of the Board of Trade, and Mr A. K. Ogilvy-Webb of the Treasury, are expected to return to Tokyo next week-end to resume negotiations on the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese sterling payments agreement.

British Treasury officials are confident agreement can be reached very quickly. They have been encouraged from reports from Tokyo that the Japanese government will permit an increase in imports from the sterling area sufficient to close the present payments gap.

But the British team will have no counter-concessions to offer Japanese exporters.

"Concessions are for the Japanese to make," a Treasury spokesman told me tonight. "Our attitude all along has been that Anglo-Japanese trade must be roughly in balance. When Japan had a deficit with the sterling area we made concessions to correct the position. Now they have a surplus in their trade with us and it's up to them to make concessions."

When the present talks are over, Britain is expected to invite the Japanese government to hold negotiations on a long-term commercial treaty between the two countries.

Investigating Blackmail Ring

Manila, Aug. 31.
The American and Philippine military authorities yesterday were investigating the reported existence of an American-Philippine blackmail ring victimizing Filipino employees at United States Clark Field Air Force base in Pampanga Province, Central Luzon.

The Philippine News Service reported this morning that two American officers and three Philippine operatives from the United States Army's Office of Special Investigation (OSI) as well as three contact men allegedly are behind the racket which had been operating since 1950.

The alleged racket was first brought to the attention of the Philippine Army authorities last February by eight disgraced Filipino employees at Clark Field. The ousted employees claimed in affidavits that they lost their jobs of the strength of OSI reports that they were "security risks."

All of the ousted employees claimed that they were asked to pay certain sums by OSI men who allegedly promised work for their reinstatement.

Informal sources said that the investigation thus far conducted indicated that many more employees have been victimized by the blackmail ring but were afraid to talk.

—France-Press

Question Of Kissing

New Jersey, Aug. 30.
Mayor Ernest E. Riccio today proclaimed a ban on "unnecessary kissing" as a health hazard to the community.

Mr and Mrs Robert Stephens immediately objected that "stifling of this impulse would not improve marital relations" and charged the ruling violates the constitutional right to the pursuit of happiness.

Mayor Riccio said the proclamation was based on a list of sanitation regulations sent him by State health authorities. However, when Stephens asked for a clarification, Mr Riccio appealed to Civil Defence Chief Thomas S. Dignan for a legal ruling on the question of when kissing "is unnecessary."

Mr Dignan declined to rule on the question proclaiming he was not qualified. —United Press.

Not Quite In Their Line

Bismark, Dakota, Aug. 30.
Flustered members of the Bismark Lions Club cautiously agreed today that a request for them to study 1,000 pornographic pictures was a "bit out of line" with the Club's function but conceded "it sounds interesting."

Senator William Langer said in Washington today that the Senate Juvenile Delinquency Sub-committee had selected the 100-member club to make a 30-day study of the pictures to determine whether they are "obscene, lewd, lascivious and unfit" to be sold over the news-stands.

Club members, caught off guard at the announcement, declined to speculate whether the club would accept the offer. Most of those contacted, however, seemed to feel it was a duty.

"It's difficult to say whether the club will do it," Mr Kirby said. "You'd have to anticipate the minds of 150 members."

—United Press.

"DAISY" FEELS THE HEAT



Even "Daisy" the London Zoo Hippo feels "under the weather" in Britain's sweltering heat-wave, and gasps: "Oh for a nice cool drink." —London Express.

Japan And Her Defence Forces

Shigemitsu's 3-Point Programme

Washington, Aug. 30.
The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Mamoru Shigemitsu, and United States defence leaders today discussed a series of proposals to give Japan greater responsibility for its own defence and speedy withdrawal of all United States garrison forces.

Diplomatic sources reported that Mr Shigemitsu had put before the chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Arthur Radford, and the Deputy Secretary of Defence, Mr Reuben Robertson, in defence department conferences:

1. A tentative blueprint for a six-year defence build-up of Japanese land, sea and air forces with United States help.
 2. Proposals for a joint United States-Japanese defence committee to co-ordinate operations and planning.
 3. A plea for revision of the security treaty between the two countries, under which the United States keeps bases in Japan, so that Japan would have the status of an equal partner and not be so dependent on the United States.
- In principle, these proposals fit into the policy pattern of United States, which has long been pressing Japan to make more active steps to develop its own defence so that United States forces could come home.
- But there are obvious differences of opinion as to how this policy can be implemented. The differences constitute the heart of the current Washington talks.

POSSIBLE SNAG

In the first place officials here note that the defence buildup plan involved a revision of the constitution by a two-third majority of the Japanese parliament, which they did not regard as any foregone conclusion, and also that it had not yet received Cabinet approval.

Furthermore, the extent of the forces expansion appeared to fall short of Washington expectations.

The blueprint reportedly calls for raising the present 108,000 total of all Japanese "self-defence" forces to about 200,000 men by 1960, at which time the United States land forces could be withdrawn with air units to follow later.

The withdrawal would save Japan the \$150,000,000 paid yearly towards the costs of maintaining United States garrisons.

But informed sources questioned whether there could be an agreement on this formula. The Defence Department's military planners here have been urging a Japanese army, navy and air force of around 350,000

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
8. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 8.45, Lucky Dip-Variety Requests presented by Jean (Studio); 9. A Novelist and his Public; 10. Talk by Joyce Cary (BBCIS); 11. Sam Pollock visits the National Girl Orchestra with Evelyn and her violin; 12. Date with Dreamland written by Godfrey Harrison, produced by Leslie Bridgmont; Part 18 (BBCIS); 12.50, Weather Report; 1. Time Signal and The News (London Relay); 2.00, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 2.15, Composer of the Week—Brahms; 2.45, Orpheus; 3. Time Signal; 4. The Choral Group of Hongkong, under the direction of Maestro Guadagnoli (Studio); 5.30, Wednesday Theatre; 6. The Duke in Darkness: A Play by Patrick Hamilton, Produced by Martin C. Webster (BBCIS); 10.50, Weather Report; 11. Time Signal; 12.00, Prelude to Midnight—popular concert melodies; 12.05, God Save the Queen; 12.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

5 p.m., Children's Corner—conducted by Aunty Val; 5.30, Wednesday Requests—presented by Betty; 5.45, Birthday Mailbag; 6.30, The Cocktail Hour; 7. Personality Parade—Betty Hutton; 7.15, The Reformed Leopold Quintet; and the Beatles; 7.20, Court Favourites; 8. Time signal and the news (London Relay); 8.09, Weather report, announcements and interlude; 8.15, Honky Tonk Piano; 8.30, Diamond Music Show—the latest in popular music; 9. Adventure of Malise—starring Ann Southern; 9.30, Music for You—featuring George Melachrino and the International Theatre Orchestra; 10. Bottle Castle; 10.15, The Duke in Darkness; 10.30, The Choral Group with Evelyn and her violin; 11. Date with Dreamland featuring the Emily Cote Singers; 12.00, Prelude to Midnight—popular concert melodies; 12.05, God Save the Queen; 12.30, Close Down.

Sleeping Sickness

Tokyo, Aug. 30.
Tokyo health authorities said today 34 cases of sleeping sickness in Tokyo were reported this morning, bringing the total to 546, of which 117 have died.

—Reuter.

ALLEGED RAPE COMPLAINANT'S EVIDENCE

The public gallery in Mr Justice Scholes' Court at the Criminal Sessions was this morning filled to capacity as complainant in the rape trial resumed her evidence against the four young accused.

A special detachment of Police constables was on duty at the entrances of the Court room to regulate the number of people going in.

Careless Driving Instructor

A case of careless instruction to a learner driver led to a strong recommendation by Mr W. N. Thomas Tam at Central this morning, for stricter qualifications for all car instructors in the future.

A car instructor, Ting Cheuk Tai, of 840 Canton Road, and his pupil Loung Pal, of 114 Electric Road, were both charged and found guilty of careless driving.

The first defendant was fined \$20 while the second was cautioned.

Chief Inspector Goodman of the Traffic Office told the court that on July 4, his car was struck by a learner's car while proceeding along Queen's Road. He said the learner's car was intending to make a right-hand turn but did not make clear signs of his intention. Also, defendant's car was in the wrong lane of traffic and was in no position to make a turn.

The result was that while he was overtaking them on the right, his car was struck, the mudguard sustaining slight damage.

His Worship further said all intending learners should go to a proper driving school, and not to any of the so-called instructors.

Stole From Children

For repeated offences of larceny by trick from children, Wong Man-chi, 19, of no fixed abode, was sentenced to 12 months by Mr J. E. Durling at Central this morning.

Defendant was seen by two detectives on August 20 to be acting in a peculiar manner outside a pawnshop in Queen's Road. They questioned him, and later found that the parcel of clothing which he was intending to pawn was stolen property.

The prosecution added that defendant was seen walking along Wanchai Road when he came across a little eight-year-old girl Chung Kit-bing, who was carrying some clothes from the laundry to her mother. Accused stopped her, and told her he had another parcel for her to deliver. He then gave the girl thirty cents, asking her to get a paper so that he could wrap up the clothing. He asked the girl to leave the clothes with him, but when the girl returned, defendant had vanished.

This, said the prosecution, is only one of his offences. Eight previous convictions were recalled, three of them for larceny by trick.

Defendant asked His Worship to give him a longer sentence so that he could learn something while he was in gaol.

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY

The Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, Mr Henry Hopkinson has sent a telegram to His Excellency the Governor expressing concern about the tragic tragedy at Taipei Kau last Sunday.

Mr Hopkinson said: "I shall be grateful if you will convey my sympathy to all those who have been bereaved by this tragic disaster."

APPOINTMENT

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has approved the appointment of Sir Alfred Savage, KCMG, formerly Governor of British Guiana, as Second Crown Agent in succession to Sir Beresford Slooke, KCMG.

Sir Alfred Savage will take up his duties towards the end of October this year.

CP Goes To Singapore

The Commissioner of Police, Mr A. C. Maxwell left Hongkong by air yesterday for Singapore. He is expected to be away from the Colony for about three weeks.

While in Malaysia, Mr Maxwell will have routine consultations with colleagues of the Singapore and Federation Police Forces and will take a short holiday.

During Mr Maxwell's absence, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr K. A. Blimead, will command the Force.

Detention Of German Ordered

An application was made by the Hongkong Police at Central Magistracy this morning for the detention of a 33-year-old German, Leo Schneiring, who is accused by the Singapore authorities of committing a criminal breach of trust as the agent of 800 tons of rubber.

Mr Hin-shing Lo granted the application, and under the Fugitive Offenders' Act of 1931, and remanded Schneiring in Police custody for three days, pending the arrival of a Singapore Police Inspector tomorrow.

Det. Sub-Inspr. F. J. Jenkins, appearing for the Police, told the court that a cable was received from the Singapore Police requesting that Schneiring be arrested immediately in Hongkong. It added that a warrant had been issued in Singapore for an alleged criminal breach of trust by the prisoner.

HELIX ARREST

Schneiring was arrested while at the Peninsula Hotel at 7.45 p.m. on Monday, Insp. Jenkins stated. A warrant of apprehension was applied for under the Fugitive Offenders' Act, and was executed on the prisoner at 9.45 this morning.

"The necessary arrangements have been made," he added, "and a Singapore Police Inspector is arriving in the Colony tomorrow."

Insp. Jenkins then asked for a remand of three days in Police custody without bail.

When the Magistrate told the prisoner that he could ask for an interpreter if Schneiring could not understand English well enough, the prisoner said quietly and in fluent English: "I really don't think that's necessary."

He was then led off to the cells.

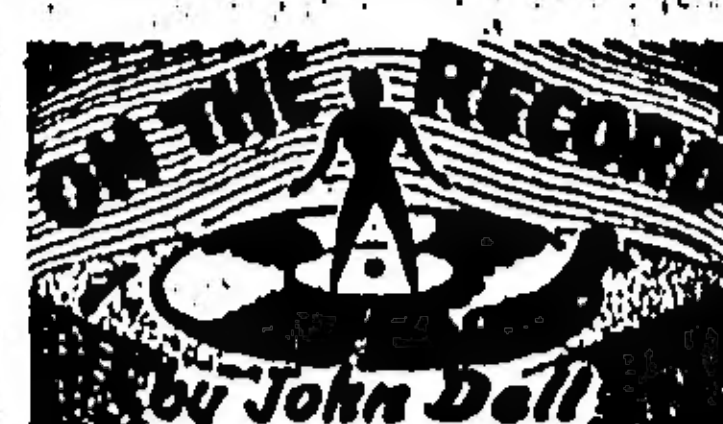
27 IDENTIFIED

Twenty-seven of the 28 bodies reported missing after Sunday's picnic tragedy at Taipei Kau have been recovered and identified, according to Hongkong Police at noon today. The search is still going on.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'm known as a fussy eater—what's your racket for getting what you want?"



A day or two ago I heard excerpts from a series of records released in the States, and containing a collection of mistakes made during broadcasts from British and American radio stations.

I don't know whether these discs will ever be made available in Hongkong but if they are they could never be played in the presence of youngsters.

Some of the slips made are simple spoonerisms such as the one made by an American announcer who said: "In just a few moments the plane carrying their Majesties the King and Queen of England will touch down here at the airport. When it does you will hear a twenty-one sun salute!"

There are many others which are certainly not drawing-room entertainment and any one who gets hold of a set is advised to listen and laugh in solitude before he exposes his family to the playback.

The thing that amused me most was the recording of a news-broadcaster breaking down completely during a news-cast. He had a silly item at the end about a man having written to a group of scientists asserting that the colour and shape of the Northern Lights, a formation of stars seen in the northern hemisphere, could be changed by changing a bed-sheet at home. This tickled his sense of humour so much that when he got to the following item, a report from the New York stock exchange, he just couldn't hold back the mirth and he struggled manfully through Dow Jones Averages shaken by uncontrollable laughter and ended his news-cast in a state of mild hysteria.

The broadcasters who have made such errors include some of the most experienced and on one of the records the Great Drew Pearson gets the giggle at one stage. Local announcers should all hear this unique collection for two reasons. It will give them some ideas of the pitfalls and encourage them to think that even the best can slip up.

M. Matison

Jack and Daphne Barker have left us and now, to fill the gap, we have in town a man about music from York, North Yorkshire. He has rounded three programmes for Radio Hongkong, the first of which can be heard at 7.30 p.m. on Monday. These are very valuable French musicians play piano and violin and sing very sweet French songs. Jack and Daphne Barker have left us and now, to fill the gap, we have in town a man about music from York, North Yorkshire. He has rounded three programmes for Radio Hongkong, the first of which can be heard at 7.30 p.m. on Monday. These are very valuable French musicians play piano and violin and sing very sweet French songs.

I am very pleased to learn that there are two records on the way. One is by the incomparable Dane, Victor Borge, and the other by the Russian, the Englishman who sings as well as any opera star but who prefers to make fun of the whole business. Those of you who saw the film "Hansel and Gretel" will remember the fantastic voice of the witch. This was Victor Borge. Victor Borge is probably best known in Hongkong for his hilarious impersonations of famous musicians, and he is a real comedian. He is called quite simply, "Anna Russell Singer."

I Wonder Why

Many times I have heard amateur musicians and their friends who can get discs made of their songs. The radio stations and Recording Companies cannot spare their studios and equipment to any great extent and although there are one or two private studios, most of them are not the sort of well advertised and conveniently located sort of place that in fact is most of the big British towns. I would imagine that there would be quite a lot of interest in those of us who are not part of the musical and singing but those people who would like to send some a recorded message to their family and friends at home. With the increasing popularity of tape recorders here and at home I feel that quite a few of the Servicemen would like to make a tape to send home to be played on their family's recorders, and it is so much better to say a thing than write it. For instance I would prefer to record this column than write it.

We will have to hold over the record review until next week but I promise a new batch of discs then.

MOTOR SPORTS CLUB MEETING

The Motor Sports Club of Hongkong will hold a social tomorrow evening at the British American Tobacco Company's headquarters in Gloucester Road commencing at 7.45 p.m.

All members are urged to attend. Members concerned of opinion will be sought regarding the Club's future activities.

An exclusive film, not shown previously, of last year's Macao Grand Prix will be a highlight of the evening.